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*Stress on collective action*

## Gulf defense rests on GCC, Sultan says

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 25 — The Gulf region's security and stability are the common responsibility of its own states, Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Monday as he opened the first meeting attended by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) defense ministers. Prince Sultan said regional and international situations have made it necessary for the six GCC member states to pool their resources and potentials in order to achieve the highest level of coordination in order to guarantee the security and stability of each member state "in the face of growing foreign threats."

The conference is being held at the request of the GCC heads of state which include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, UAE, Bahrain and Qatar. It will discuss defense needs of the GCC in relation to recommendations made recently by the chiefs of staff of the armed forces.

"Gulf defense is the sole responsibility of Gulf people and can be achieved through close cooperation," Prince Sultan said. He voiced hope that the meeting will translate the recommendations into action and achieve the people's goals. The GCC, according to Prince Sultan, is not hostile to any other state and is not a regional alliance. He stressed that it is for the other Arab and Islamic forces that are working toward restoring lost Arab rights. It will set a good example of organized cooperation and solidarity.

"We must draw up plans for collective action to ensure the security of the member states and to keep the Gulf region away from the hazards of international rivalries which do not serve the true interests of the people," Prince Sultan said. He expressed confidence that the people are quite capable of maintaining the peace and stability of their states and

## Glut clips \$1 off OPEC price

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP) — Reductions in response to the current glut have trimmed the average price of OPEC oil by almost one dollar to \$33.85 a barrel in the past 12 months, the Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) said Monday. After adjusting for inflation the real cost of OPEC oil has dropped by nearly four dollars a barrel since early last year, said the oil industry newsletter.

The weighted average stood at around \$14 in 1978. Price increases in a tight market took it to a peak of \$34.80 early in 1981, when sales by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) were hit by world recession and Western efforts to save energy and burn more coal.

On the free market, the PIW added, prices have tumbled as much as \$1.50 below the official OPEC rates for contract deliveries.

Only a small volume of crude changes hands on the free, or spot, market. But buyers use it to make up unforeseen shortfalls in contract supplies so that it acts as a barometer for future pricing trends.

Interest centers on Saudi Arabian light crude, the benchmark now set at \$34 a barrel.

## Pakistan's U.K. embassy blamed

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Officials at the Pakistan Embassy in London helped a family of illegal immigrants stay in Britain for three years, a high court judge said Monday.

They issued 36-year-old Syed Anwar Hussain Amer and his wife Farida with letters and certificates falsely stating that the couple worked at the embassy. One certificate was apparently signed by then ambassador himself and says that they were personal servants, said the judge.

It was not until they were interviewed by immigration officials in 1978 that they admitted never having worked at the embassy.

After the interview, Amer's father, then a personal assistant to the ambassador, admitted asking the ambassador to act.

The judge dismissed an appeal by Mr. and Mrs. Amer against the home secretary's decision to deport them and their three children as illegal immigrants. The judge said that in the light of the evidence, he could not see that the home secretary could have come to a different conclusion.

He also dismissed the couple's claim for political asylum in this country. They belie-

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The Times said that certain political observers here have expressed private doubts that Pakistan would curtail its nuclear program despite India's efforts.

**Pakistan Foreign Affairs Minister Agha Shahi** is due in New Delhi on Friday for talks with Indian Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on the creation of a nuclear-free zone in south-west Asia. The Times adds that these talks are being watched closely by the United States government and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

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**HUMAN PYRAMID:** This acrobatic performance shows six ski instructors from the French ski resort Les Arcs in the Alps suspended from a moving helicopter. The pyramid is held together by leader stuntman Jean Yves Lemeur on the bottom, two instructors above him, and three attached directly to the runner of the helicopter. The stunt was performed for a TV variety show called 'Incredible But True.'

## To check protectionism

## Suzuki vows to ease imports

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (API) — Declaring it is imperative that Japan check a growing global tide of protectionism. Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Monday vowed his government will strive to further open the Japanese market to foreign goods.

Suzuki, in his first foreign policy speech of the new year, also pledged as an "issue of special urgency" to slash government spending and spur domestic demand at a time when many countries' economies are in the doldrums.

As an economic superpower, he said it is "Japan's responsibility" to solve the trade friction resulting from Japan's export onslaught, which has given it a \$13.41 billion trade surplus with the United States and a \$10.8 billion advantage over the 10-nation European Community.

"To this end, I intend to actively seek further opening of our markets and to work for the facilitation of trade and commercial relations with all countries," Suzuki told the 96th session of the National Diet, or parliament, which reconvened after a year-end break. (See related story on page 11.)

He singled out resolution of trade friction and administrative reform, areas in which the 70-year-old Suzuki has staked his political career, as two of the most urgent tasks facing his conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

"It is imperative that Japan restrain trade protectionism, seek to maintain and strengthen free trade, and strive to further open our markets to promote imports of manufactured goods," he said.

He added "it was in line with this realization" that he ordered across-the-board tariff cuts in an effort to defuse what was fast becoming a political issue when he reshuffled his cabinet last November, just 16 months after the ruling LDP took office.

In the area of foreign affairs, the prime minister said improvement in Japan-Soviet relations is another important issue in Japanese foreign policy, but said ties remain strained because of a Soviet military buildup off northern Japan. Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan and the Polish crisis.

He said the situation in Poland is one that has "grave ramifications for world peace and stability," and that Japan will continue to stay in close consultation with Western allies and the United States.

"It is of primary importance that Polish affairs be solved by the Polish people themselves without any intervention from outside, and Japan for its part will continue to work for improvement in this situation," he said.

## U.S. atom plant put on emergency

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 (AP) — A "site emergency" was declared Monday at the Ginna nuclear power plant in Ontario, New York after a steam tube ruptured in a primary cooling system, releasing radioactive steam into the atmosphere, a federal official said.

The plant, located about 29 kms northwest of Rochester, was shut down. Nuclear Regulatory Commission spokesman Gary Sanborn said. There is "no danger to the public at this time," said Richard Sullivan, spokesman for the Rochester Gas and Electric Co. which

operates the plant.

A "site emergency" declaration is the second highest in NRC classifications. The most serious is a general emergency. "There are indications of a leak from the primary system to a secondary system in a steam generator tube," said Sue Gagner of the NRC's Washington office.

Sanborn said the NRC had opened a center at its King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, regional office to monitor the situation and provide a central location for information.

*As 5 MPs resign*

## Jaruzelski hints at martial law end

WARSAW, Jan. 25 (R) — Polish military chief Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski told parliament Monday that martial law restrictions should be lifted by the end of February. Elements of martial law in industry "would have to be retained for a longer period," Gen. Jaruzelski said in a speech to the Sejm (parliament), Warsaw radio reported.

He was addressing the first full session of the Sejm held since martial law was imposed on Dec. 13 and military authorities cracked down on the Solidarity free trade union.

The radio quoting the parliament speaker reported that five Polish members of parliament have resigned their posts.

Warsaw radio reported the resignations in a broadcast monitored in Vienna and named the five as Ludwik Drodzdz, Jozes Grygel, Jozef Henc, Mieczyslaw, and Stanislaw Kowalczyk.

The report gave no details on the circumstances surrounding the resignations. It added that a proposed government reshuffle would be submitted to parliament.

The radio also said an item on "changes in the council of ministers (government)," had been added to the parliament's agenda, which also included legislation legalizing martial law and accompanying decrees.

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Gen. Jaruzelski accused extremists in Solidarity of having ignored calls for agreement by parliament. These extremists had paralyzed the authorities, spread hatred, continuously broken the law, imperiled the country's alliances and security, ruined the economy and abused confidence placed in them by millions of people, he said.

PAP said Gen. Jaruzelski as saying elements of martial law were being gradually alleviated or totally removed.

The general said that provided no unforeseen circumstances occurred and no illegal actions were taken, the martial law restrictions would be substantially limited or completely lifted by the end of next month.

But he warned that if "anti-state forces" were to take action, then martial law would be extended.

## Khaled, Shah ponder Mideast

RIYADH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — King Khaled and King Fahd of Malaysia held their first round of talks here Monday about mutual relations and international issues of common interest specially the Palestinian question and the Middle East situation.

Saudi Arabian representatives taking part in the talks were Crown Prince Fahd, Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Al Solaib, Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al Jazaeri and senior officials.

Malaysian representatives included Commerce Minister Tunku Ahmad Redauddin, the Minister of Agrarian Reforms Datu Sharif Ahmad, the Ambassador here Datu Siri Qamaruddin and others.

King Khaled and King Shah later inspected the Malaysian handicraft exhibition held at the conference center. Prince Fahd accompanied them.

King Shah earlier visited the King Faisal's Specialist Hospital. In the evening the two monarchs attended the horse races.

## Numeiri dismisses vice-president

KHARTOUM, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Sudanese President Jafar Numeiri, in a surprise move Monday, fired his first Vice-President and Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Magid Hamid Khalil.

The official news agency which carried the report gave no explanation for the move. It said Numeiri relieved Khalil of all his posts and duties and sent him a letter "thanking him for his services." Numeiri assumed the Defense Ministry Portfolio, the report said.

Another move, Numeiri dissolved the top levels of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the country's sole legal political party, and launched a sweeping international review of the party.

The Sudan news agency Monday reported that Numeiri decreed the dissolution of the SSU central committee, Politburo, secretary-general's office and general secretariat.

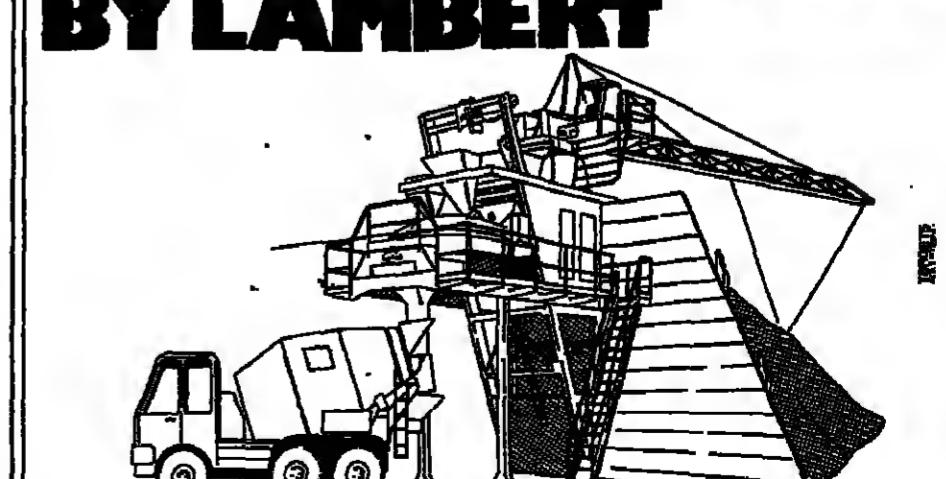
Numeiri, who is also party president, has nominated a 41-member popular committee to develop and reorganize the SSU at all levels.

The move was also necessary to allow for a broader participation by the people in the process of national construction and to ensure collective responsibility "at this crucial turning point that our nation is passing through," Numeiri said.

Spared the axe were party leaders in six regions and Khartoum province, who are to continue until elections are held. The date of the elections would be announced later.

The recent conference was held following nationwide riots led by students protesting against hikes in sugar and petroleum prices. The price hikes were imposed as part of the austerity program declared in November.

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# Canadian to hold talks on energy with Yamani

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Jan. 25—The Canadian Minister of Energy Marc Lalonde arrived here Monday for talks with Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and mineral resources, about energy and matters of mutual interest. He was welcomed by Sheikh Yamani and other senior officials.

Canadian embassy sources told *Arab News* that Lalonde and Yamani will discuss energy issues concerning the two countries and also international energy problems. During his three-day tour, he is also expected to visit Aramco.

Lalonde, appointed as minister of energy

## Car dealers fined

JEDDAH, Jan. 25—A number of car agencies and dealers have been fined SR11,000 each for selling vehicles at more than the price indicated by the customs department, according to Hamad Al-Rashidi, customs director general.

He told *Al-Jazirah* that as soon as the customs discovered any increase in the prices of cars, more than that mentioned in the customs cards, the department informed the authorities to enforce the fines and return the surcharge to the purchasers.

## Prayer Times

Tuesday	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	5:35	5:41	5:12	5:02	5:26	6:00
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:33	12:34	12:05	11:52	12:17	12:46
Asr (Afternoon)	3:44	3:41	3:12	3:57	3:21	3:48
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:08	6:04	5:35	5:19	5:43	6:09
Isha (Night)	7:38	7:34	7:05	6:49	7:13	7:39



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INSPECTION: King Shah of Malaysia and some members of his delegation seen above inspecting some of the latest equipment at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. King Shah is on a seven-day visit to the Kingdom.

## Abdul Ilah inspects Qasim projects

QASIM, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Qasim Governor Prince Abdul Ilah began Monday a few days tour of the region's villages and towns to inspect the conditions of those areas and get acquainted with their requirements for public services, in addition to ensuring the progress of work on the various projects under construction.

The prince visited Monday Naqrat, Hafin-

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In transport field**Pact with Sweden set**By Suresh Shah  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 25 — The draft agreement signed by the Kingdom and Sweden for cooperation in road, railroad and transport in general, will be submitted to the Council of Ministers and the Swedish government for approval, according to Swedish Transport and Communications Minister Claes Elmstedt.

Before leaving for home Monday concluding a week-long visit, Elmstedt told *Arab News* that after the approval of the agreement by the respective governments detailed plans will be worked out within three months. "The agreement provides the broad guidelines for cooperation," he added.

The minister said that Swedish officials will visit the Kingdom in three months for further discussions on the subject. Elmstedt arrived here last Tuesday at the invitation of his counterpart, Sheikh Hussein Mansouri, with whom he had talks on promoting cooperation in transport and communications.

He was seen off at Jeddah's King Abdul Aziz International Airport by Deputy Minister for Roads Dr. Nasser Al-Salloum and KAIA Director Zaheer Simi.

Elmstedt described his talks with Saudi Arabian officials as "good" and said that relations between the two countries are "excellent and continuously developing."

He also commended the Kingdom's role in the search for peace in the Middle East. He expressed the hope that the Kingdom's initial

**BRIEFS**

ARAR (SPA) — The Municipality of Arar is currently engaged in an asphalt paving and illuminating project of the town's streets at a total cost of SR200 million. The project is to be implemented in more than one phase and the first, estimated to cost SR40 million, has been issued as a public tender. According to Arar Mayor Muhammad Al-Ittaiy Sunday, the municipality is carrying out SR6 million projects which deal with temporary asphalt paving and beautification.

QATIF (SPA) — The Eastern Province Girls Education Directorate General has been handed over educational projects which had been completed recently in Qatif. According to Hamad Al-Subaie, Qatif girls education representative, the SR9.6 million projects include a secondary, two intermediate and a primary schools in addition to a kindergarten.

DHAHRAN (SPA) — Rector of the University of Petroleum and Minerals Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr received Sunday a delegation of the British Council. Topics discussed at the meeting included promoting scientific cooperation between UPM and British universities and the prospects of exchanging expertise in applied research.

RIYADH (SPA) — The Public Security's personnel training institute will mark Tuesday the graduation of the second group of security patrol and the first group of prison works. Graduates of the two classes will be more than 300 persons. Such courses are held to improve the standards of security men and

tives will succeed in bringing about a peaceful settlement.

Elmstedt said he discusses setting up a workshop on road maintenance and traffic safety, and cooperation in shipping and telecommunication. "We already have an agreement for training traffic control personnel in civil aviation," he added.

In shipping, he had meeting with Saudi National Shipping Company officials. "Our ships were very much appreciated and more contracts are likely to follow," he said.

Elmstedt, who toured the Kingdom including the industrial cities of Jubail and Yanbu, expressed admiration for the industrial and economic development projects, in addition to the progress achieved in roads and transport.

In a separate development, the communications and transport ministries of the Kingdom and Sweden are jointly organizing a seminar Tuesday in Dhahran. The seminar, entitled 'roads and traffic safety', will last two days and will be held at the lectures hall of the University of Petroleum and Minerals.

The third in a series — one was held in Jeddah and the second in Riyadh — the seminar's program includes technical lectures and scientific research related to road maintenance and traffic safety. In addition to Saudi Arabian and Swedish experts, the seminar will be attended by officials of the Municipal and Rural Affairs Ministry, traffic department and professors of UPM.



Prince Salman  
**Salman signs  
Nigeria, Nepal  
embassy pacts**

RIYADH, Jan. 25 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman signed two contracts granting the Nigerian and Nepalese governments plots for building their embassies at the proposed diplomatic enclave.

The two agreements, signed on the basis of reciprocity, were initiated by Prince Salman in his capacity as the chairman of the committee for the transfer of the foreign ministry and embassies to Riyadh, and the ambassadors of Nigeria and Nepal here.

The diplomatic enclave is expected to complete by next year accommodating all diplomatic missions accredited in the Kingdom. Chanceries as well as embassy staff accommodation will be ensured. The Foreign Ministry's premises will be completed in time with the rest of the project.

**French expert discounts lasting oil glut**

Alkhobar Bureau

DHAHRAN, Jan. 25 — The French government and its oil experts have dismissed the possibility of a permanent oil glut and the decline of oil prices to \$15 per barrel.

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony of a three-day symposium here Sunday night Pierre Despraire, chairman of the French Institute of Petroleum (IFP), said: "whereas some commentators expected the present world oil glut to be permanent and the price of oil to hurtle down to \$15 per barrel, neither the government nor our own experts share this view."

The symposium of *French Oil Technology* opened at building 10 of the University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM). Other speakers at the inaugural ceremony included Dr. Saleh Bakrrehah, secretary general of UPM; Jean Favre, IFP director; and Jean Andre Roret, chairman of the board of petroleum equipment manufacturers.

After praising the Kingdom for unifying the price of oil at a reasonable level, he remarked that in the long run — by which he meant five to 15 years — a world rate of industrial growth near four percent would involve a high probability of a scarcity of oil supplies, and an uncontrollable increase of prices. Saudi Arabia is France's principal oil supplier, he observed.

Last year France purchased 45 million tons of oil from the Kingdom, at a price of \$12 billion. On the other hand, France as Saudi Arabia's sixth most important trading partner exports only \$2 billion to the Kingdom annually. The balance might be improved, thought Despraire, who was standing in for Michel Jobert, French minister of state in charge of foreign trade who was unable to attend the symposium due to a change in the scheduling of government meetings.

Jean Favre, director of the IFP, spelled out the impact on the reserve base which improved offshore technologies, enhanced recovery and the utilization of heavy oil would

have. By increasing recovery from 25 percent to 40 percent, 90 billion tons could be added to the world's cumulative production and proven reserves. Future discoveries also might be increased by as much as 70 billion tons, he said.

Perhaps significantly, it is in the field of offshore technology and heavy oil recovery that French petroleum research has distinguished itself.

The IFP, whose principal interest is research, operates a school of petroleum which graduates 200 students a year, one third of whom are non-French. It is this school which trains most of France's petroleum engineers.

Favre told *Arab News* that an agreement exists between IFP and UPM whereby French graduates of the school work at Dhahran as members of the university staff or as lecturers in place of military service and that,

with the completion of the UPM Research Institute, an exchange of experience between the two institutes is being studied.

Thirty French companies are participating in the symposium, Jan. 24 to 26 at Al Khobar's Meridien Hotel. Some of these, like Coflexip Saudi Arabia, a collaborative effort between Coflexip of Paris and Sheikh Ahmad Jamal Jawa of Riyadh's Wital Trading Company, are new to the local market.

Another newcomer to the country, Jubail Fabrication Industries, which is 40 percent owned and managed by Union Industrielle Et D'Entreprise of Paris, received its license four months ago, with an initial investment of \$15 million. It will have a capacity to produce 9,000 tons of jackets with a labor force of 500.

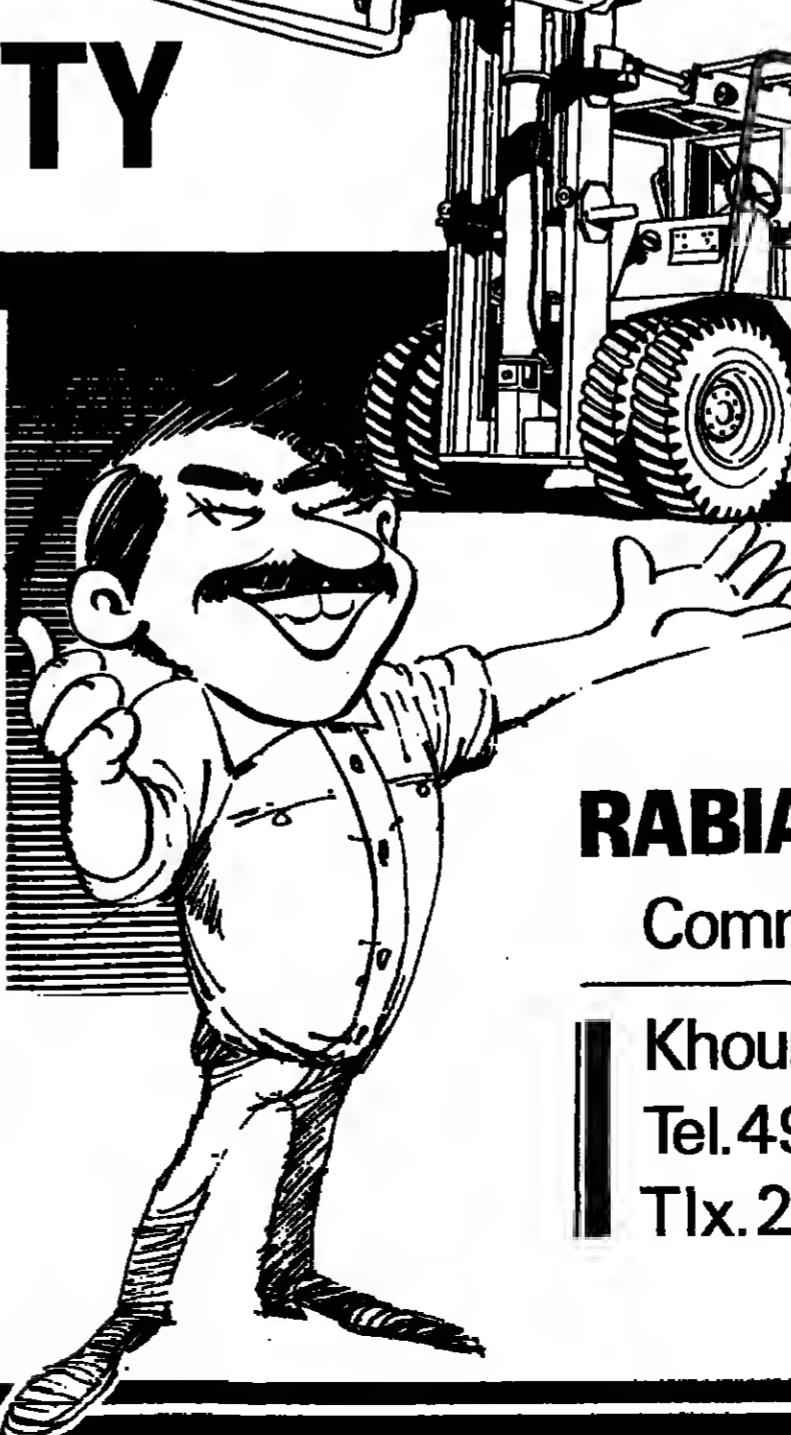
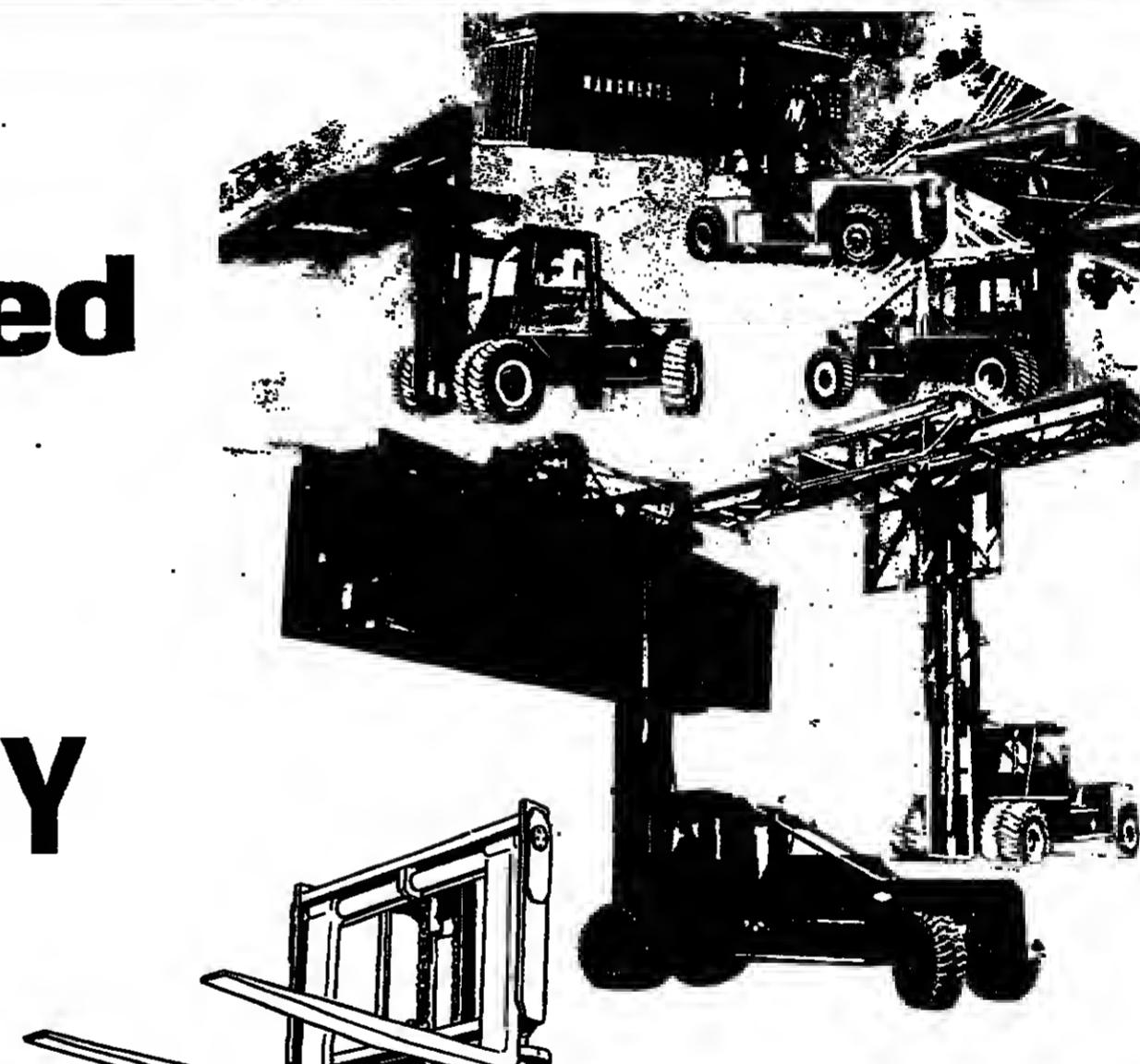
Other participants at the symposium are already operating in the country.



**NEW DIRECTORY:** A comprehensive directory about Makkah will be published in Arabic and English for the benefit of pilgrims, according to Tihama Monday. The directory which will have a full range of information about the holy city is sponsored by the Mayor Yahya Koshak. It will be published by Tihama. At a meeting held in Makkah recently, it was decided to seek the assistance of the Pilgrimage Research Center of King Abdul Aziz University in revising the directory to ensure its accuracy. The book will have a number of photographs and maps of the city. Mayor Koshak is seen at the head of the table with Tihama Director General Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb to the right.

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## France violates neutral policy in Mideast--Syria

DAMASCUS, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* Monday accused Socialist France of violating the Gaullist era of neutrality on the Middle East conflict by abstaining from voting on a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for sanctions against Israel.

The newspaper described as "weak and illogical" a defense of the abstention made by French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson in an interview published by the independent English language Lebanese magazine *Mon-dy Morning*.

Cheysson was quoted as saying the U.N. Charter reserved sanctions for cases of "direct threat to world peace" and France did not consider Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan

Heights as a threat to world peace. This position confirms (French President Francois) Mitterrand's France has deviated from the neutral policy (in the Middle East) that was formulated by its late President Charles de Gaulle," *Tishrin* said.

Newspapers in the Gulf states have been outspokenly critical of the five nations which abstained from voting for sanctions in last week's Security Council debate on Israel's failure to rescind the annexation of the Golan.

Editorials suggested the abstentions could have an adverse effect on relations between the Arab world and the abstaining nations. Britain, France, Japan, Ireland and Panama.

## Egypt, Libya to normalize relations soon, official says

KUWAIT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Restoration of diplomatic relations between Egypt and Libya is imminent following top-level contacts between the two countries, a high-ranking Egyptian official was quoted Monday as saying. "The step will catch Arab and world quarters by surprise," the unidentified official was quoted by the Kuwait newspaper *Al-Seyassah*.

The report said that contacts for the normalization of Cairo-Tripoli relations were being undertaken by a well-known Egyptian personality who had a prominent role in the first years of the late President Sadat and who maintains close relations with the Libyan government.

Syria complains about Jordan charges

DAMASCUS, Jan. 25 (AP) — A fresh accusation flew between Syria and Jordan Monday when the Syrian government summoned a high ranking Jordanian diplomat to complain his government wrongly accused Syria of terrorism.

Syria's deputy foreign minister, Nasser Qaddour, called Jordanian charge d'affaires Walid al-Faraj to the foreign ministry where official government sources said the Jordanian was handed a formal letter of complaint.

The sources described the encounter as a "further serious deterioration in the relations

between Syria and Jordan." The two countries have traded accusations of terrorism against one another over the past two weeks.

Jordan blamed Syrian intelligence in the Jan. 11 bomb explosion at a grocery store in the Jordanian capital, Amman, that wounded six persons. Syria never responded to the charge until Monday when Syrian sources told the Associated Press that Qaddour told Al-Faraj the Syrians in fact had proof that it was Jordanian intelligence that was responsible for the grocery bombing.

## Mitterrand to visit Israel March 3

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25 (AP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will make the first trip to Israel by a French president on March 3, the state radio reported Monday. A foreign ministry spokesman in Tel Aviv was unable to confirm the date, and said Mitterrand was expected in the first half of March.

Mitterrand was to have arrived here next

month, but his visit was postponed, and some reports said the postponement was in protest over Israel's annexation last December of the Syrian Golan Heights.

The spokesman said a French advance party was to arrive Wednesday to make preparations for Mitterrand's visit.

## PLO lashes out at U.S. envoy to U.N.

### Kirkpatrick remarks hostile to Palestinians'

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization accused U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick on Monday of issuing statements "hostile to the Palestinian people and to their sole legitimate representative."

The PLO statement also accused Kirkpatrick of "interfering in the internal affairs of a permanent observer member of the United Nations, blindly supporting the Israeli aggressor and flagrantly violating the U.N. Charter."

The strongly-worded protest was a reaction to remarks Kirkpatrick made in an interview broadcast by Israel's state radio over the weekend. The American U.N. ambassador was quoted as saying the PLO was not the only representative of the Palestinians and that the Palestinian commando movement has "participated in terrorist operations with the Soviet Union and Cuba."

Mrs. Kirkpatrick should realize that the PLO fully represents the Palestinian people in all its venues of existence within and without the occupied territories whether the United States liked it or not," said the PLO statement, distributed in Beirut by the PLO-controlled Palestine news agency, Wafa.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick also should keep in mind that 117 nations recognize the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and this is more than double the number of nations that recognize Israel," the statement added.

"Mrs. Kirkpatrick has to bear in mind that the PLO is a full-fledged member of the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the nonaligned nations' movement, in addition to its status as a permanent observer at the United Nations and all its specialized agencies as well as its observer status in the Organization of African Unity," the statement said.

It charged the Kirkpatrick remarks were a "further evidence of the conspiracy hatched by the United States for an Israeli military operation" against PLO's positions in southern Lebanon.

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and senior aides have been lately saying Israel would soon break a six-month-old ceasefire and stage a massive invasion of southern Lebanon.

The area has been relatively calm since the United States and the United Nations worked out the July 24 ceasefire that halted 15 days of massive Israeli-PLO warfare.

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## 66 Soviet technicians will return to Egypt

## Mubarak seen mending fences with USSR

CAIRO, Jan. 25 (AP) — Egyptian-Soviet relations, at an all-time low after the expulsion of top Soviet diplomats and hundreds of advisers last September, appeared to be moving toward normal Monday with the announcement that 66 Soviet technicians are returning.

The return of the advisers is the most concrete sign yet of improving relations between Moscow and Cairo under President Hosni Mubarak, but there have been other signals such as Cairo's approval of an increase in the Soviet Embassy staff and plans to increase trade.

A foreign ministry spokesman told the Associated Press the experts would be working at the iron and steel factory south of Cairo at Helwan, the High Dam at Aswan and an aluminum plant at Naga Hamadi in southern Egypt — all projects built with Soviet aid in the 1960s.

Reached by telephone, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said the 66 Soviets would be installing equipment at the industrial sites, and would return to the Soviet Union once their contracts expired. He did not say when the advisers would arrive or how long their

contracts were.

American and French technicians also are doing studies on the feasibility of upgrading the High Dam, which officials say provided 65 percent of Egypt's power.

Asked when Egypt would restore normal relations with the Soviet Union, Ali replied: "Not in the near future."

Egyptian diplomatic sources said the return of the technicians was requested by the government-owned industrial projects involved. "The Soviet technicians were helpful and there is no harm in admitting that," said one source.

The late President Anwar Sadat expelled Moscow's ambassador and six top diplomats last Sept. 15, accusing them of contributing to sectarian strife in Egypt. He also expelled 700 Soviet technicians, according to the semi-official press, sending Egyptian-Soviet relations plunging to their lowest point since he ejected 17,000 military advisers in 1972.

Some Western diplomats were skeptical of Sadat's reason for expelling the Soviets, saying they felt he had overreacted to possible Soviet contacts with opposition groups.

Western diplomats specializing in econo-

mics said the advisers held important positions in Egyptian industry, and they described Egyptian claims of having easily replaced the Soviets as being exaggerated.

Egyptian diplomatic sources said Cairo recently approved the addition of two Soviet diplomats to the 32-man staff here. The sources expressed confidence Moscow would not object to Egypt increasing its staff in Moscow, although it has not done so.

In Moscow, an Egyptian commercial official said a trade delegation led by Commercial Minister Mahmoud Atieh was expected to sign within days an agreement raising Egyptian-Soviet trade 18-20 percent this year. Last year, the Soviet Union exported \$251.58 million in goods to Egypt, and Egypt sold the Soviets goods worth \$285.74 million.

Egyptian diplomats conceded these moves might be leading to normal relations between Moscow and Cairo.

In a message to Prime Minister Fouad Mohieddin last Friday, Soviet Premier Nikolai Tikhonov expressed hope that Mohieddin would "promote normalization and development of Soviet-Egyptian relations."

## BRIEFS

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Several members of the Mujahideen Khalq urban guerrilla group have been arrested recently in Iran and charged with aiding former President Abolhassan Banisadr's escape from Iran, the official Iranian News Agency IRNA reported Monday.

TEL AVIV, Jan. 25 (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin returned to his office Monday for the first time since breaking his thigh two months ago. Begin, 68, moved about with the help of an orthopaedic walker which he said would be needed for the next few weeks.

TEHRAN, Jan. 25 (AP) — Iran has agreed to allow the families of 7,000 Iraqi prisoners-of-war to visit them in Iran. Ayatollah Khomeini's representative on the supreme defense council said here Monday.

## Canada ready to supply Gulf with reactors, minister says

KUWAIT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Canadian Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde said Monday his country was prepared to supply Kuwait and other Gulf states with nuclear reactors and emphasized his government was not placing any impediments to the transfer of Canadian technology to Third World countries.

Canada is prepared to supply Kuwait with four nuclear reactors for peaceful uses of nuclear energy," Lalonde told a press conference. "Kuwait is expected to take a decision on the use of nuclear reactors soon," he added.

Describing Canadian nuclear reactors as "of the best in the world," Lalonde said his

country possesses six of the world's ten largest reactors.

Asked about his government's possible reaction toward an expected outcry if Canada decides to cooperate with the Arab world in the field of energy, Lalonde replied "I do not anticipate any major row."

"The transfer of nuclear technology from Canada to other countries is not attached to any strings," he added.

He said he discussed during his talks here with Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah a Canadian offer to sell Kuwait nuclear reactors and assist Kuwait in the field of oil and gas exploration technology.

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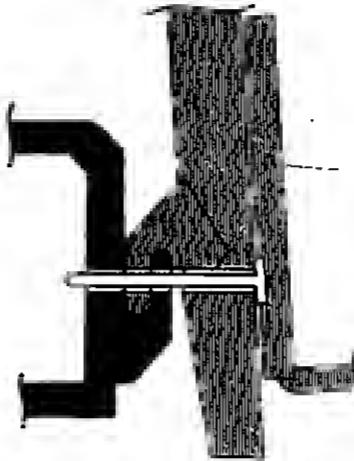
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## PRESSURE ON POLAND

Poland's military chief Gen. Jaruzelski has announced that martial law will be lifted by the end of February indicating the success, in part, of the Western pressure on Poland and the Soviet Union as well as the opposition of the majority of Poles to military dictatorship.

The announcement should cheer the Polish people and their supporters outside. It should depress the Soviet Union and other Communist countries which must now view their own regimes as less firmly entrenched than they had believed.

Besides, the whole episode of Poland carried its own stark lessons in contemporary history. It barbed the Soviet Union as a domineering force over an unwilling nation. It showed the bankruptcy of communism as a creed claiming to represent the bulk of the working classes while at the same time denying these classes their basic rights which in the so-called capitalist West, are taken for granted. It showed that the free trade union of Solidarity is a genuine popular workers' movement seeking the fundamental right of self-expression and that it is willing to make sacrifices to preserve it even if 5,000 members have to suffer detention. Its leader, Walesa, proved to be a hard nut to crack.

All these factors were helped by the serious financial and economic conditions in the country. The government was heavily indebted to the West and came to a point where it was practically unable to cough up the interest payments on the debts. The economy is a shambles and the Soviet Union is in no position to provide Poland with enough money to enable it to scoff at Western pressure. The military rulers still had to succumb or permit a Soviet invasion. With Afghanistan still occupied, Moscow certainly balked at another invasion without losing much of its standing in the world as a champion of the downtrodden masses.

Finally, the unusually wide publicity given to the Polish crisis by the Western media—compared with the little we get about Israeli occupation of four Arab countries—projected the Polish military as villains of the peace who must relinquish power to a civilian authority. In this, the media has amply succeeded.

## Saudi Arabian press review

The significance of Monday's GCC defense ministers' conference for formulating a joint defense plan to counter the current threats to the Gulf region and the Malaysian King's visit to the Kingdom appeared for editorial comment in Monday's newspapers.

*Al-Jazirah* said that the concern of the Gulf defense ministers for devising a joint defense plan was the outcome of the discovery of an Iranian-engineered conspiracy in Bahrain and the disclosure of the Iranian regime's close links with the Zionist entity and its joint ambitions and threats to the Gulf.

It called for the creation of a joint military force capable of defending the security and stability of the states of the region.

On the same subject, *Okaz* said the defense ministers will give priority to the Gulf coordination for achieving self-sufficiency in the defense field and promotion of joint training programs among the Gulf states for enhancing the fighting skills of their armies.

Another topic of key interest before the defense ministers is working out joint plans for the manufacture of arms and devising schemes for diversification of arms sources," it said.

The paper will be observing the determination of the defense ministers "to forge Arab Gulf solidarity and their commitment to finalize joint defense programs for the Gulf region, free from reliance on foreign powers."

*Al-Madina* highlighted the importance of the GCC defense ministers' conference in view of the current critical situation in the Islamic-Arab world.

The paper expressed concern over the Zionist, Communist and imperialist plan and plots against the Gulf region.

"The superpowers are attempting to undermine the Gulf security and stability with the ultimate aim of creating alliances for justifying their intervention in the internal affairs of the region," it said.

*Al-Bilad* welcomed the visit of King Ahmad Shah to Saudi Arabia and his talks with King Khaled.

The paper said the talks between King Ahmad Shah and King Khaled were held in the context of the Kingdom's dialogue with leaders of the Islamic states for the benefit of Islam and Muslims. It described the Kingdom's support for the Islamic nation as a reflection of its historical and religious responsibilities. (SPA)

## Belgium aims at EEC unity

By Liz Bader

BRUSSELS —

Belgium, whose new center-right coalition is struggling to govern an increasingly divided country, has to contend with the added burden of chairing all the European Community councils for the next six months.

Belgium inherits this unenviable task from Britain whose vain battle for a parcel of community reforms—culminating in the unsuccessful London summit last month—occupied the European Commission and the EEC Ministerial Councils over the past six months.

The reforms were proposed as a long-term solution to British objections to the level of their budget contributions to the community. With the end of the British presidency it looks as if they will be quietly forgotten.

An attempt to cut the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), which secures fixed prices for farmers, was at the heart of the proposed changes: as the CAP is dear to the hearts and easy on the pockets of smaller community countries, plans to reform it will not be a priority of the Belgian presidency.

Each EEC presidency puts its own focus on Community affairs. While the British presidency's grand scheme of reviewing EEC policies and their financing tended to alienate the other partners, the Belgians are set on a more placatory path.

Long used to maintaining the status quo between Belgium's two national communities, the Walloons and the Flemings, Brussels governments are singularly well equipped to act as mediators to the 10 Common Market countries.

Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans is resolved to strengthen European unity. Belgium has a strong vested interest in maintaining a closely knit Europe and sees economic and monetary cooperation between the 10 as the keynote of its presidency. With the highest unemployment in Western Europe and worsening economic problems, Belgium is desperate to attract foreign investment.

The European Monetary System (EMS), which coordinates the currency values of all the EEC countries, with the exception of Britain and Greece, to limit exchange rate fluctuations, will be at the center of the Belgian presidency's work.

By the time the finance ministers' council meets next March to mark the third anniversary of the EMS and the 25th of the European Community, the Belgian presidency hopes to achieve a wider recognition of the European Currency Unit and a better coordination of exchange rates with countries outside the EEC. It also hopes Britain will join the EMS.

## Letter to the editor

Clarification

Sir,

We refer to the article which appeared in your esteemed newspaper *Arab News* on Jan. 23 concerning BBC Brown Boveri.

It appears that several statements and data contained in your interview of the Jeddah manager have been misunderstood and we would like to clarify the following points:

— The value of the contract awarded to BBC Brown Boveri Baden/Switzerland for the 800 MW crude oil fired gas turbine power station is SR1,261 million.

— BBC Brown Boveri has a wide experience in burning crude oil in its gas turbines but is not the only company in the world with this capability.

— The final total production of the poultry raising farm will be 12 million chickens per year.

Yours faithfully,  
BBC Brown Boveri Saudi Arabia  
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Sales Manager

the French and Mexican governments in August in which they called for talks between the left-wing Salvadoran guerrilla insurgents and the right-wing junta in San Salvador led by President Jose Napoleon Duarte, which has been receiving strong military, economic and diplomatic support from Washington.

The Franco-Mexican declaration was a major diplomatic victory for the Salvadoran insurgents and had the effect of a powerful depth-charge in the normally flower-strewn waters of Latin American diplomacy.

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Washington is still resentful of the declaration of

## America restricts Cuban immigration

By Dan Sewell

MIAMI, Florida —

The door flung open by the United States when Fidel Castro took power in Cuba 23 years ago has slammed shut. With more than 800,000 Cuban exiles now in this country, the federal government has served notice that Cubans who wish to leave the Communist island 240 miles from here must wait their turn under rigid quotas.

Andres Rodriguez Hernandez, a 20-year-old stowaway, scrambled off a Panamanian freighter last Wednesday prepared to begin a new life. Two days later, he was placed on a charter flight back to Havana where the Cuban semi-back to that island nation since 1959.

As many as 5,000 members of Miami's Cuban exile community took to the streets last Saturday in a protest sparked by the Hernandez case and another, similar incident. The demonstration finally was quelled by police, who used tear gas and jailed 34 Cuban-Americans on charges ranging from inciting

a riot to assaulting a police officer.

Tensions and frustration remain high following the disturbance. Some officials say there is a realization that the Rodriguez deportation was only the most clear-cut of recent indications that U.S. policy for Cuban immigration has changed.

Cubans have grown accustomed to seeing

Miami and the rest of the United States as the lifeboat they have traditionally climbed aboard. The deportation of Rodriguez Hernandez is symbolic of the end of an era," explained Roberto Fabricio, a *Miami Herald* columnist.

Although the great majority of this country's Cuban exiles arrived legally aboard the "freedom flights" of the late 1960s, officials estimate that as many as 10,000 Cubans came here the same way as young Rodriguez—without documentation—and were welcomed with full refugee status and federal government assistance.

But the Refugee Act of 1980—aimed at putting this country "in control of its own borders"—stated that merely fleeing a Communist country isn't

## Koivisto Vs. Russian bear

By Chris Mosey

HELSINKI —

In the end neither the horrendous complexities of the Finnish electoral system nor the disapproval of Leonid Brezhnev could stop Mauno Koivisto, the man now destined to fill the shoes of the mighty Urho Kekkonen as president of Finland.

Koivisto last week won a landslide 145 seats in a 301-member Electoral College which on Oct. 26 will choose the nation's head of state. In the past the post has been held by almost monarchical figures whose main job has been to keep the Russian bear at bay.

With such a majority nothing can stop Koivisto, whose support draws on all sections of Finnish society. After a quarter of a century under the magisterial Kekkonen, Finland now looks forward to a more delegated power structure at home linked to a continuation of Kekkonen's policy of "thinking geographically"—a Finnish political euphemism for bearing in mind your next door neighbor is the Soviet Union—in foreign affairs.

Koivisto, 52, a dock worker from the West Coast, joined the Social Democratic Party in 1947. After completing his education, he shot like a comet through the Finnish political firmament to become minister of finance in 1966, governor of the Central Bank the following year and prime minister in 1979.

He has an irreverence that appeals to the man in the street ("all I know about the economy is that it

will be worse than last year," is one of his better-known utterances) but which scares the old men in the Kremlin.

It was only in the latter days of the campaign that Brezhnev acknowledged the Koivisto steamroller by sending him an encouraging telegram. The Politburo had earlier promoted Karjalainen, former foreign minister and head of the Finnish-Soviet Trade Commission.

Koivisto, like the other seven candidates, pledged adherence to the Kekkonen doctrine but he is likely to prove a little too independent for Moscow's taste. Although as president he will be above party politics, he is devoutly anti-Communist and Soviet interference in Finnish affairs is likely to meet with opposition.

Koivisto's relative lack of political experience worries both Brezhnev and local observers. However, since taking over from the ailing 81-year-old Kekkonen as acting president last September and in his election campaign, Koivisto has successfully avoided political infighting and remained above party politics.

Koivisto's victory may also dampen domestic criticism of the Finnish system of electing a president. In a poll immediately before the election—when there was speculation that a "compromise candidate" might still be chosen by the electoral college despite popular support for Koivisto—nearly 60 percent of Finns said the system should be changed, perhaps to something resembling the French two-poll method. (ONS)

Nicaragua may get German arms

By Hugh O'Shaughnessy

LONDON —

The left-wing Sandinista government in Managua has been having talks with West Germany on arms purchases in a bid to reduce its reliance for military supplies on the Soviet Union and its satellites. It is not clear yet whether Bonn will meet the Sandinista requests for guns and light armored vehicles or whether the Schmidt government will decide not to risk further U.S. wrath on the subject.

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# New cartoon, comic strip series to begin in Arab News on Friday

By a Staff Writer



E.V. Abrahamian

be the beginning of a weekly cartoon series which will be prepared exclusively for Arab News with a special Middle East emphasis.

*The Spacers* depicts, in cartoon form and in a very humorous manner, the daily adventures, or misadventures, of inhabitants who live in space and travel from galaxy to galaxy and planet to planet like a wandering 'nomadic tribe in space.'

The happy, carefree people of small stature will have a supporting cast of programmed robots who, at times, emote their very personal feelings and add to the hilarity and enjoyment of the reader. *The Spacers* whiz around using funny flying belts or their little spaceships as a means of travel and rely on their inventiveness, intelligence and wit to try to cope with any given situation.

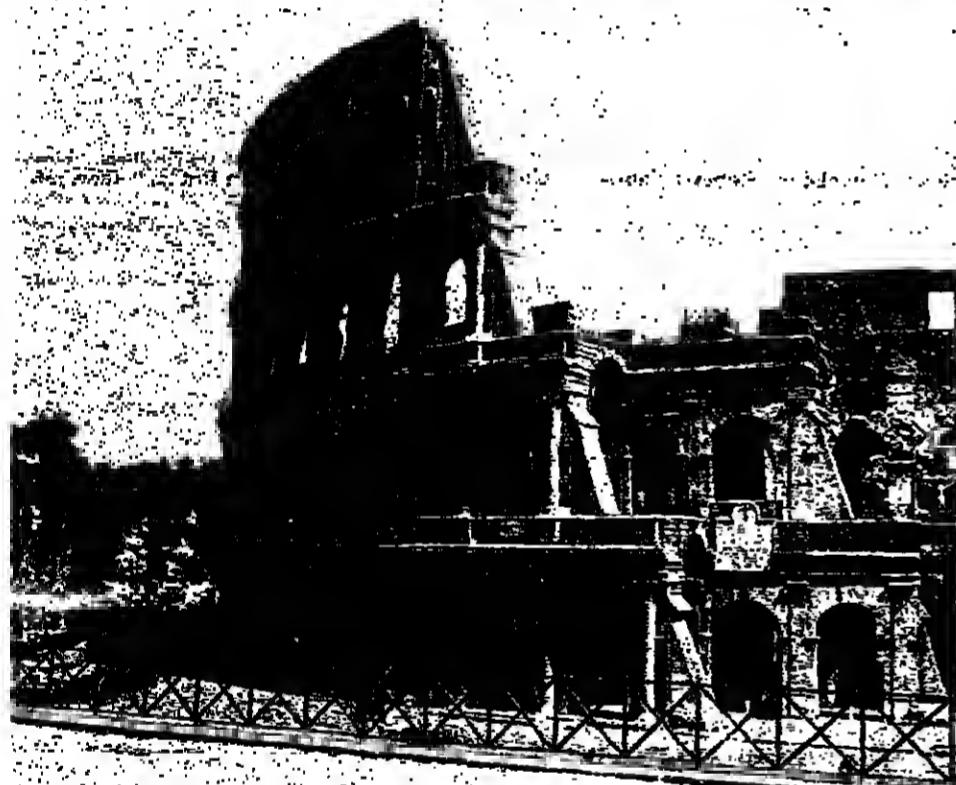
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NATIONAL ATTENTION: This item from E.V. Abrahamian's Sports File hangs in Congressman Jack Kemp's office in Washington.

## Italians eliminating cats, not rats

By George Armstrong

Rome (G) — The city of Rome is supplying its citizens, upon request, metal spring traps in which to ensnare cats. The concierge or administrator of a block of flats, or even one individual, need only make a written request to the municipal veterinary office, and the traps, though not the bait, will be supplied. They are accompanied by a letter which says: "We wish to inform your lordship (bureaucratic letters use that form of address) that you may proceed with the elimination of the inc-



ROME COLISEUM: Cats have always been part of the scene in Rome and have always kept the rat population down. With a campaign underway to eliminate cats some authorities predict dire consequences.

## Parks, squares busy at 5 or 6 a.m.

## Rise early to enjoy Chinese tours

PEKING (ONS) — There is only one trick to getting the most out of your package tour to China; be an early riser. Chinese social life is conducted as it was in the days before there was electricity (of course, in some rural areas, there still isn't any). Up at dawn and to bed with the sun is all too often the maxim upon which the Chinese act.

In Peking the parks and public squares fill up between 5 and 6 a.m. The masses are doing their calisthenics, practicing the ancient art of shadow-boxing, playing musical instruments, giving their caged birds an airing or just going for a walk around the block.

The worst aspect of Chinese early rising, at least so far as the tourist is concerned, is that meal-times are geared to this schedule. Even in restaurants.

Breakfast at seven is normal and 6 a.m. is not out of the ordinary. It's worth getting up for. And for heaven's sake, insist on a Chinese breakfast. There are always a certain number of non-experimenters on every tour and for some reason they all draw the line of culinary daring at breakfast.

It is the meal most unlike our own, and perfectly delicious. To start with, the Chinese consume virtually no dairy produce, so there's no butter for the soggy toast, and no milk for the decaffeinated coffee. Or rather, the butter and milk that are offered ought to be treated with the greatest suspicion. The toughened dried-out egg mixture and the squishy steamed 'cake' that are invariably given to the masochists who ask for Western breakfast are what they deserve for their lack of imagination.

They could, after all, be eating what the Chinese eat: rice gruel, called *congee*, watery, unsalted and bland. Horrid by itself, but don't worry, it is intended as a vehicle for hits of spicy pickle, smoked fish, fried peanuts, chic-

ken with chillis, deep fried bites of meat or bean curd, or even tiny portions of some of the best dishes of last night's dinner. You've never lived until you've had chillis for breakfast; you wake up, and you stay awake.

Many hotel dining rooms will also serve *dim sum* for breakfast — steamed or fried savoury dumplings with the most delicious fillings of minced pork, ginger and garlic or prawns and water chestnut, for example. Sometimes there are even sweet steamed buns. And in the north, deep-fried cakes like long dough-nuts, to be dipped in sugar and soy milk.

All wonderful. And an early breakfast makes it possible to eat lunch — and be grateful for it — around noon. Lunch is often a substantial meal, and it is useful, anyway, to be on the same time-table as your hosts.

This is most evident in the evenings, when dinner, even in smart restaurants, begins between five and six, and is over by seven. More than once guides have had to plead to get group out of the restaurant by 7:30 p.m. at the latest, as the waiters will have to be up very early next morning. So if you don't rise with the lark, you risk spoiling your own day and digestion as well.

Most package tours are not strong on restaurants, which is a pity. The Chinese are a nation of diners-out, and their restaurants are very important, sometimes historic institutions. Every tourist has a Peking duck hangs at one of the vast restaurants in the capital that serve nothing else.

But there are restaurants in every small town in China; and though standards vary so much, no tourist who wasn't starving could bring himself to eat at the least inviting of the people's eateries, you can tell simply by looking whether the food will be disgusting.

Every restaurant that caters to tourists has

a less salubrious room where the natives themselves eat, excepting only those few restaurants that are too small to segregate the visitors. But, as the experienced Chinese traveler will tell you, this really for your comfort and is less sinister than it sounds.

If you stop first in Hong Kong, you can buy a little guide, *Eating Out In China* by Harry Rokin. It is a pity to leave China without having made a fair sampling of its restaurants, especially in Canton, where there are some of the most beautiful dining rooms in the world.

And the food is famously good in the eastern cities of Suzhou, Yangzhou and Hangzhou, as well as in Canton, and almost everywhere in the provinces of Sichuan and Huanan.

A final word of advice concerning "evening entertainment". This euphemism covers everything from the Peking Opera to regional acrobats. The acrobatic shows are wonderful — but the Chinese seem unable to distinguish between acrobatics proper, and what we would call magic shows. So unless you've a passion for seeing flowerpots produced from silk scarves, you'd be well advised to ascertain that your "evening entertainment" really is worth watching. "Evening entertainment" precludes eating out; and there is usually much more fun and enlightenment to be obtained from going to a restaurant than from witnessing even the best tricks of another 19 conjurers.

Arab News welcomes readers' contributions, particularly of a local aspect. If interested, please contact Dave Kaiser at 653-4744 or 653-2911, Jeddah.

*The Spacers* will be joined by several other exclusive cartoons by Abrahamian, *Stumpy Stumbler*, the antics of an enterprising and clever Arab boy; *The Sports File*, a fascinating look at unusual facts and uncommon events from the world of sports; *Space Shot*, an illustrated look at the past, present and future of space flight; and *Animal Chatter*, a laugh-filled look at the world through the observations of some zany critters.

*The Sports File* is a new cartoon that depicts in pictorial form uncommon and unusual facts about professional and amateur athletes of the past and present. This feature is a compelling and fascinating series which includes the exploits of the great Sac and Fox Indian Jim Thorpe, selected as the greatest athlete of the century in 1950 by a poll of sportswriters, to shot-putter Robert Garrett, who competed in the discus-throw event in the 1896 Olympics at Athens, Greece with amazing results.

One of Abrahamian's *Sports File* cartoons, a profile of football quarterback-turned-congressman Jack Kemp, received extraordinary attention when Congressman Kemp requested the original artwork and hung it in his office on Capitol Hill.

Cartooning was begun by Abrahamian as a sideline to his career as an industrial illustrator and artist. He began working in a small home studio near Buffalo, New York and soon what began as a hobby turned into a lucrative second career. His work was soon syndicated and the cartoonist received national attention.

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MELBOURNE TOWN HALL: Last October when the town hall in Melbourne, Australia was dedicated Commonwealth heads of government also made plans for their Jan. 26 Australian National Day.

### National Day celebrated

## Most Australians live in the cities, beef, sugar, wheat lead its exports

CANBERRA, Australia — At Sydney Cove on January 26, 1788, Captain Arthur Phillip established the first European settlement in Australia. This year the Australians celebrate the 194th anniversary of that landing. About 1,050 people arrived in the First Fleet — 750 of them convicts, 200 marines with the remainder being officers, women and children.

Though Australia is distant from Europe, the majority of its population of 14.8 million are of European descent. Australia extends over 30 parallels of latitude and has wide variations of climate. The vast distances and related communications problems have played an important part in shaping the country's development, with fewer than two people per square kilometer of land. The truth probably can be found in the traps.

According to Fulco Pratesi, of the World Wildlife Fund, "it is not only the city's ingenious traps. Unfortunately, today there are many restaurants, medical labs, and sadists who see the stray cats as preferred raw material for their activities. Not to mention the small circuses and itinerant zoos which, as recently happened in Naples, encourage young boys to round up cats to feed to their animals. Too many people forget that without the cats, considering the condition of the Rome sewer system, we would be invaded by rats."

The city's overt complicity in encouraging private citizens to capture cats also brings up a legal question. A dog can be declared a stray if his owner has not paid the annual license fee and he is not wearing a metal tab on his collar. The dog has legal standing. A cat can never be judged to be a stray simply because it is caught wandering, as it may have an owner, and there is no cat license.

It is the world's largest exporter of beef, the equal second largest exporter of sugar and the third largest exporter of wheat. It is also a significant supplier of other food products, including dairy produce and fruit.

There are about 176,000 rural properties in Australia. These cover about 492 million ha (1215 million acres), or 64 percent of the nation's total land area. In contrast with many other countries, about 91 percent of all rural land is in its natural state and is of limited use. It is mainly used for grazing by cattle and sheep.

Australia is doing much to help overcome the world's food problem. The National Farmers Federation has estimated that each Australian farm, on average, produces sufficient food for 70 people. In the United States the figure is 59, and in Western Europe, 19.

As a major food exporter, Australia feels a special responsibility to provide food aid, particularly in emergencies and to low-income, food-deficit countries.

More than \$100 million has been allocated for expenditure on bilateral and multilateral food aid programs in 1981-82, representing an increase of almost 15 percent on food aid provided in 1980-81.

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At the same time, the wider application of scientific and technical advances relating to soil fertility, pasture production and crop yields has resulted in increased productivity. As a result, greater farm output is being achieved with fewer farmers.

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Growth in the Japanese market has been especially notable for a wide range of commodities, including beef, mutton, cheese, casein, skim milk powder, wheat, barley, sorghum, sugar, canned fruit, hides and skins.

The other major development in the pattern of Australia's food exports has been an expansion in shipments to the developing countries, the value of which in 1970-80 totalled \$3.2 billion, or nearly half of total food exports.

Exports of agricultural commodities to North America (particularly beef to the United States) increased steadily during the 1950s and 1960s, but the relative importance has declined in recent years.

Other growth areas for Australian agricultural products have been the centrally planned countries and the oil rich countries of the Middle East.

Although Australia enjoys comparative advantages in the production of many agricultural commodities, export markets for some are limited by policies of agricultural protection in importing countries. The Australian government participates in international arrangements designed to improve access to overseas markets and to help stabilise world prices.

#### Wheat

Wheat is Australia's most important crop in terms of area, value of output and value of exports. The average area sown to wheat is now around 11 million ha (27.17 million acres), more than half of the area sown to annual crops. Output in the past three years has averaged 15 million tons. Projection for the next five years is as much as 20-24 million tons, and 30 million tons by the year 2000.

Australia exports to about 60 countries. The most important export markets include China, Japan, Egypt and the Soviet Union, while increasing quantities of wheat are being sold to the Middle East and developing countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

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# Italians denounce Soviet reproach

ROME, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — The Italian Communist Party, in an initial reaction to criticism of its policies by Moscow, has suggested that the Soviet Union was incapable of discussing issues on the basis of equality and mutual respect.

An editorial in the Italian party newspaper *L'Unità* said it would reply in full Tuesday to criticism by the Soviet Communist daily *Pravda* made Sunday. The *Pravda* attack was the toughest ever directed against the Italian Communists and was seen as threatening relations spanning 60 years between the two parties.

*L'Unità* reprinted the full text of the unsigned *Pravda* article, which fiercely denounced the Italian party leadership under Enrico Berlinguer for denigrating the Soviet contribution to world socialism. The paper accused Italian Communist leaders of favoring what it called right-wing extremists from the Polish independent trade union Solidarity and dismissed Berlinguer's call for greater freedoms in eastern Europe.

*L'Unità* said "We must initially, remark that the way the article was introduced, its arguments and tone, show that its authors are absolutely incapable of conducting a discussion on a basis of parity and reciprocal respect," the paper said in the front-page editorial.

The fact that the *Pravda* article was unsigned gave it the weight of authority, only slightly less official than a document bearing the seal of the Soviet party's central committee.

*L'Unità* said, The *Pravda* article was a further display of "a method already used by the Soviet party in its dealings with other Communist parties which we have criticized so many times, even when it did not concern us directly," the paper added.

Berlinguer, in a speech in Milan last Saturday, said the Italian party would continue to follow a Marxist-Leninist line but totally rejected Lenin's identification of the party with the state.

## Hitler planned giant railway across Europe, says author

BONN, Jan. 25 (AP) — Adolf Hitler's megalomania did not stop at giant rallies and oversize buildings, a new book has revealed. Hitler wanted to leave his mark on railways too — building a giant network of oversize tracks more than 9 feet (3 meters) wide from Russia to France.

The wagon running on them were to be eight times the size of traditional carriages, equipped and built like houses. The ceiling of the dining car was to be more than 16 feet (5 meters) high, the restaurant itself would feed 150 of the train's 1,728 passengers at one sitting.

The man who has now disclosed these and other details of the oversize project, Munich railway official Anton Joachimsthaler, first stumbled across the Fuehrer's plans for a giant railway three years ago.

According to a review in the West German magazine *Stern*, Joachimsthaler crisscrossed East and West Germany researching his book, just before the title *The Breitspur-rbahn* (wide track railway) of Hitler. The book says Hitler first hit upon the idea in 1941 in the euphoria of his initial success in battling Josef Stalin's Russia.

The late Albert Speer, chronicler of Hitler's megalomania after World War II and architect of the Fuehrer's plans to rebuild Berlin and other cities as monuments to his own glory, said giant stations planned for the oversize railway should "overcome or, rather, literally hit" (travelers) with the power of the Reich.

In May 1942, Hitler ordered his transport

ministry to work on plans for the oversize railway. Right until the end of World War II, planners slaved over the project — probably, as the *Stern* reviewer noted, saving their lives in the process since the work exempted them from military service.

The plans uncovered by Joachimsthaler eventually spun a network that was to link Paris to Moscow and Leningrad via Berlin, with branch lines connecting southward to Marseilles, Vienna and Belgrade, to Kiev, Rostov and the Black and Caspian seas. The planners eventually persuaded the Fuehrer to accept that visions of a gauge up to 16 feet (5 meters) wide were unrealistic, and he settled for tracks 9.75 feet (3 meters) apart.

But, *Stern* said, the engineers were not able to prevent an order in April 1943 that directed them to do away with the overhead electric cable which would power the giant train. "The electricity supply must be from the side or from below," Hitler commanded. He wanted to be able to use the train to transport munitions, tanks and other equipment might get snarled in overhead power lines.

The incident offers further evidence of the megalomania first revealed in Speer's detailed memoirs of the Third Reich. According to *Stern*, Joachimsthaler sees this obsession with bigger being better in the railway project. "Everything's just big: technically, there is not much new," the magazine quoted the author as saying.

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## Reddy regrets disregard of moral values

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (AFP) — President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy Monday appealed to all political parties in India to do some searching to bring about a regeneration of moral values in public life.

"Unless we take immediate action to arrest the disregard of moral values in public life, people's faith in our political system will be undermined with consequences which are too frightening to contemplate," he warned. The president was making his customary broadcast to the nation on the eve of the country's 33rd Republic Day. He said it was his last broadcast, as he is leaving office in July after completing his five-year term.

Reddy said the nation had reason to feel satisfied that its democratic system had been working satisfactorily, and added: "the sad experience of countries which have been subject to continued political turmoil must serve as a warning to us." The president also spoke on other matters such as the government's economic achievements, difficulties faced by farmers and the unemployment situation.

## Carlos begins visit to India

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (AP) — King Juan Carlos and queen Sophia of Spain began a one-week state visit Monday to the booming city of a 21-gun salute, and a red carpet welcome from the Republic of India.

President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, other top India leaders and the diplomatic corps greeted the Spanish visitors, who include Foreign Minister Jose Pedro Perez-Llorca. The royal party arrived in Bombay Sunday night and after an overnight stop there, continued to the capital for the state welcome.

Spain has "profound respect for human rights and democracy and... looks with great sympathy on the world's largest democracy, India," the king said in an airport address. "The Spanish people feel deep interest and affection for this great country and intense admiration for its cultural heritage."

Reddy welcomed the royal couple as friends of India and said their visit would "further deepen our commercial and economic ties." Both countries are dedicated to international peace and detente, the Indian president said.

A single road exists from the Ovamboland district. It is the 200-km-long Oshikala axis, which is "opened" each morning by the South African Army. At 7:30 a.m. local time, a convoy of trucks and private cars heads down the road, preceded by anti-mine vehicles stuffed full of soldiers.

Schooled by their own experience and that of the Rhodesians, the South Africans have built a series of specially designed mine-sweeping vehicles aimed at giving the troops the maximum chance of surviving a mine explosion. Perched high above its wheels, this vehicle has a reinforced protective bottom and armored windows.

The convoy moves slowly down the road. Some of the more impatient drivers race ahead on their own.

However, SWAPO fighters have sometimes in the past attacked such convoys, including trucks bearing inflammable liquids. Meanwhile, about 20 Finnish Lutheran missionaries who live along the Angolan border ignore such dangers in their daily circuit to transport people to the various hospitals and isolated schools.

On Jan. 7, one of the missionaries' ambulances hit a mine and was blown up. Three persons, including a pregnant woman, were killed and seven were seriously injured. All the victims were Ovambos.

Four days later, Mika Ililonga was killed in similar fashion near Ongandjeri while he was carrying medicine and other goods to the hospital in that small village.

As a customary precaution, drivers try to stay on newly made tracks, in hopes that if the previous vehicle managed to pass safely, then they will have similar luck. But it is a nerve-wracking business. The SWAPO land mines are classic anti-tank explosives, and all are Soviet-made. They are wrapped in plastic or cartons to help prevent them from being detected.

Despite the South African precautions, the army increasingly prefers to travel by helicopter rather than by truck.

## BRIEFS

LAREDO, Texas, (AFP) — Seven persons were killed Sunday when a light plane crashed on landing at Laredo airport. Airport authorities said the plane, a Cessna 402, dived into the runway.

JACCIO, (AFP) — Time-bombs were placed inside three empty chalets in the French Foreign Legion camp of Cheraiba but only one exploded early Monday, police said here. The camp is used for firing practice, but is unguarded when not in use. Two explosive charges of 1.4 kilos (3 lbs.) each, linked to an alarm clock and timing device, were defused. No movement has claimed the attack.

DACCA, (AP) — Khan Abdul Sabur, president of the Bangladesh Muslim League and a leading member of the opposition in the Bangladesh Parliament, died of asthma and heart disease here Monday. He was 74. After Bangladesh gained independence, he reorganized the Bangladesh Muslim League, a rightist political party, and was its president until his death.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, (AFP) — Three soldiers and one civilian were killed when two army vehicles crushed head-on Sunday at Garden of Eden, a village 32 kms south of here. Three other soldiers were injured.

PEKING, (AFP) — A high-powered Chinese military delegation leaves Peking Thursday for Bangladesh on a goodwill visit that will include discussions of military cooperation, Asian diplomatic sources said Monday. The sources, who declined to be identified, said the Chinese delegation will be led by the deputy chief of general staff, Liu Huaqing, and will remain eight to 10 days in Bangladesh.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, (AFP) — Nine men including former defense chief Frederick Newton have now been charged with murder and attempted murder in Dominica, following last month's attempt to overthrow the Caribbean island's right-wing government.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — India will host a two-day meeting of information experts from nonaligned countries in New Delhi beginning Feb. 22. The meeting will draw up a long-term program of action for accelerating information exchanges among nonaligned countries.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, (AFP) — An earthquake measuring 6.2 degrees on the open-ended Richter Scale hit the desolate Aleutian Islands southwest of here. The epicenter of the tremor was situated some 90 kms southeast of Unalaska Island, according to civil defense authorities here. The quake was also registered at 0529 GMT Monday by the military observatory at Hafgord.

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — The Indian Border Security Force opened fire on a gang of "armed miscreants" from Bangladesh and captured one at Singichara on the international border along Tripura state Friday, it was reported Sunday. The Press Trust of India news agency reported from Agartala, Tripura's capital, quoting official information available there, that the firing was in "self-defense" when the BSF men were attacked by the gang. No one was reported wounded. The other gang members escaped.

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With deficit mounting

## Reagan tight-lipped over taxes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan is waiting until the last minute to tip his hand on whether he will side with White House advisers telling him tax increases are the only way to check the ballooning federal deficit.

The president set aside most of Monday afternoon to work on the State of the Union speech he will deliver Tuesday night to a joint session of the House and Senate and a nationwide television and radio audience.

That speech is likely to provide the first public word on whether he will seek higher taxes on gasoline and "luxury" items. That question — to tax or not to tax — has been the focus of a major battle within the administration, with the president reportedly leaning first one way then the other.

"Tune in Tuesday night," Reagan told reporters who asked him about taxes Sunday afternoon as he returned to the White House from a weekend at Camp David. But there was little doubt that one theme of the speech will be what Reagan calls his "new federalism" approach of turning over to the states scores of programs that have been administered primarily in Washington.

## Brazilian farmers cash in on Florida frost

SAO PAULO, Brazil, Jan. 25. (R) — When strong frost destroyed a big part of Florida's orange crop last week not everyone was displeased. For Brazil it was good news.

Brazilian farmers took to orange growing so enthusiastically in the 1970s that Brazil became the world's largest juice exporter with a total crop approaching that of the United States.

But they overreached themselves and produced more than even the expanding world orange juice market could absorb. By the end

of 1980 Brazil had to stockpile concentrated juice.

But a bad frost hit Florida in January last year, the stockpile was sold and this year the Florida weather promises to help Brazil out again.

By January 10 the Brazilian stockpile, financed by the government, had reached 170,000 tons — compared with total exports in 1981 of 560,000 to 570,000 tons. But after last week's Florida freeze, according to Hans Georg Kraus, president of the Brazilian Citrus

Industries Association, U.S. and European buyers had snapped up virtually the entire amount within two days.

"From the information we have the frost was more or less the same as last year," he told Reuters. "It's true we have to wait a few more days to verify the extent of the damage, but it has to be good news for Brazil." However, Kraus warned that the frost had only taken care of current over-production and said Brazilian farmers should show good sense and not rush out and plant more fruit trees.

"We have to look at things realistically," he said in an interview. "The market grows gradually and our production has grown disproportionately."

Most of Brazil's oranges are grown in the rolling hills of Sao Paulo state, around the Tropic of Capricorn. The frosts which occasionally wreak havoc on southern Brazil's coffee or sugar crops rarely cause even slight damage to orange trees.

In the 1970/1971 crop year Sao Paulo's citrus production was 1.84 million tons, according to IEA figures. But 10 years later it had shot up to 7.35 million tons. The boom years for planting were between 1975 and 1978, caused partly by government reforestation incentives which made planting of perennial fruit trees profitable, Miranda Dos Anjos said. The incentives were later removed when authorities became concerned at the prospects of overproduction, and planting levels fell sharply from 1979, he said.

## India's sixth plan virtually scuttled

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25 (PTI) — The recent decision at the meeting of the full planning commission, over which the prime minister presides, to prune and revise the sixth Five Year Plan amounted in effect to the scuttling of the plan.

The Plan (1980-85) was finalized barely a year ago after the draft plan left behind by the Janata government had been rejected without a chance even to be presented to Parliament for approval. But it has already been knocked out of shape to respect of all its principal parameters. Its size in real terms has shrunk, its growth potential has lost its viability and credibility, and its investment priorities have been drastically changed.

The full planning commission merely sanctioned what had already happened to the plan. It has merely re-ordered the plan priorities and investment allocations in the plan frame. Persistent inflation in the first two years of

the plan period have falsified the Plan projections based on 1979-80 price levels. The recovery in agricultural and industrial production and economic activity generally, which may appear to be impressive when related to the depressed levels of the year of drought (1979-80), has lagged far behind the plan targets. Calculations with respect to the availability of financial resources for plan investments have gone awry as one plan, non development expenditure has relentlessly increased and eaten into resources available for development. There was thus no choice but to prune the plan and re-order priorities.

What is remarkable about the decision of the full planning commission last month, however, is the drastic and far-reaching nature of the revisions which have been ordained. It is proposed to concentrate the available resources on what is called the "core" sector.



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### To bolster economy

## Comecon urges war on waste

VIENNA, Jan. 25 (R) — As the world recession and high energy costs hit Eastern Europe, Soviet allies in the Communist trading bloc Comecon are stressing reform and war on waste to boost their economic performance.

Western diplomats and economic analysts here and in Eastern Europe said they expect a further slowing of Comecon economies this year, although East Germany could once again prove the exception. The Polish crisis rules out any firm predictions about economic developments there and, to a lesser extent, in its partners both because of the political uncertainty it has caused and the economic turmoil it has led to, they said.

A major brake on Comecon economies is the cut in Soviet energy supplies, they said. Senior Hungarian economic sources said last year that East bloc countries except Poland had been told to expect a reduction of 10 percent in Soviet energy deliveries.

The Soviet Union has cut energy deliveries because of rising costs of production in Siberia, a weakened world oil market and because it has diverted oil to Poland to its economy.

The loss of Soviet oil to Warsaw is only one

of the adverse effects that the Polish economic collapse has had on its Comecon partners. Difficulties in delivering goods which may have been ordered by Poland years earlier have disrupted the inflexible centrally planned economies.

Warsaw's virtual inability to repay its enormous Western debt, now estimated at more than \$28 billion, has made many Western bankers reluctant to lend to other East European countries and deprived them of an important source of finance.

And Poland's political and social upheavals provide a grim warning of what may happen when a country cannot keep its people contented. However, one analyst here warned against attributing the difficulties experienced this year by most European countries to disruption in Poland. The problems caused by the loss of an expected load of Polish coal only serve to highlight a Comecon country's lack of foreign earnings and its inability to buy energy on the free market, he said.

The traditional Communist bloc means for growth, based on heavy capital spending and relying on earnings from Western trade, foreign borrowing and energy, are limited.

## Cocom accused of bid to end East-West trade

MOSCOW, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Last week's Paris meeting of Cocom, the Western body watching over exports to Communist countries, has been accused by the Soviet press of "trying to bring East-West trade relations to an end."

Affirming this, the Soviet daily *Socialistic - tekhnika i promstvost* (socialist industry) said the body had stepped up controls over strategic exports to the USSR.

"However, American demands in this area are encountering opposition from West European countries, and West Germany first and foremost," it said.

West European nations and Japan had not followed the U.S. line on sanctions against Poland and the USSR. The West Europeans were bound to view Cocom as "an economic and political anachronism", it said.

The paper asked: "What technology could be strategic in character in the case of a country that launches orbital stations into space?" The Soviet Union used Western technology solely as a means of furthering and simplifying trade, not because it was incapable of producing this technology, it said.

Party newspaper *Pravda* commented: "Cocom was set up in the dark days of the cold war. It has been and remains an instrument for sabotaging business relations between the West and the Socialist countries."

It recalled: "Cocom's activities were reduced during the years of detente, but today the U.S. Pentagon and State Department have decided to resurrect this specter of the cold war and use it to increase sabotage of the economic ties between the capitalist and Socialist countries, under the pretext of events in Poland."

Citing French press reports, *Pravda* said the Paris meeting gave the go-ahead for new "black lists" designed to curb exports to the USSR by some \$2 billion a year.

### Mackintosh seeks to acquire rival unit

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Rowntree Mackintosh, Britain's top chocolate and confectionery group, Monday issued a 75 million pound (\$140 million) bid for Huntley and Palmer, a leading maker of biscuits and cakes.

It already has 23.68 percent of Huntley and Palmer, but stock exchange sources thought a rival bid could be made, probably from Allied-Lyons, the foodstuffs group that has five percent of Huntley and Palmer.

The Huntley and Palmer share price jumped to 113 pence in early trading today. This was eight pence on top of the Rowntree Mackintosh offer. Rowntree Mackintosh proposes to buy Huntley and Palmer's business through its marketing know-how, its large international network and new investment.

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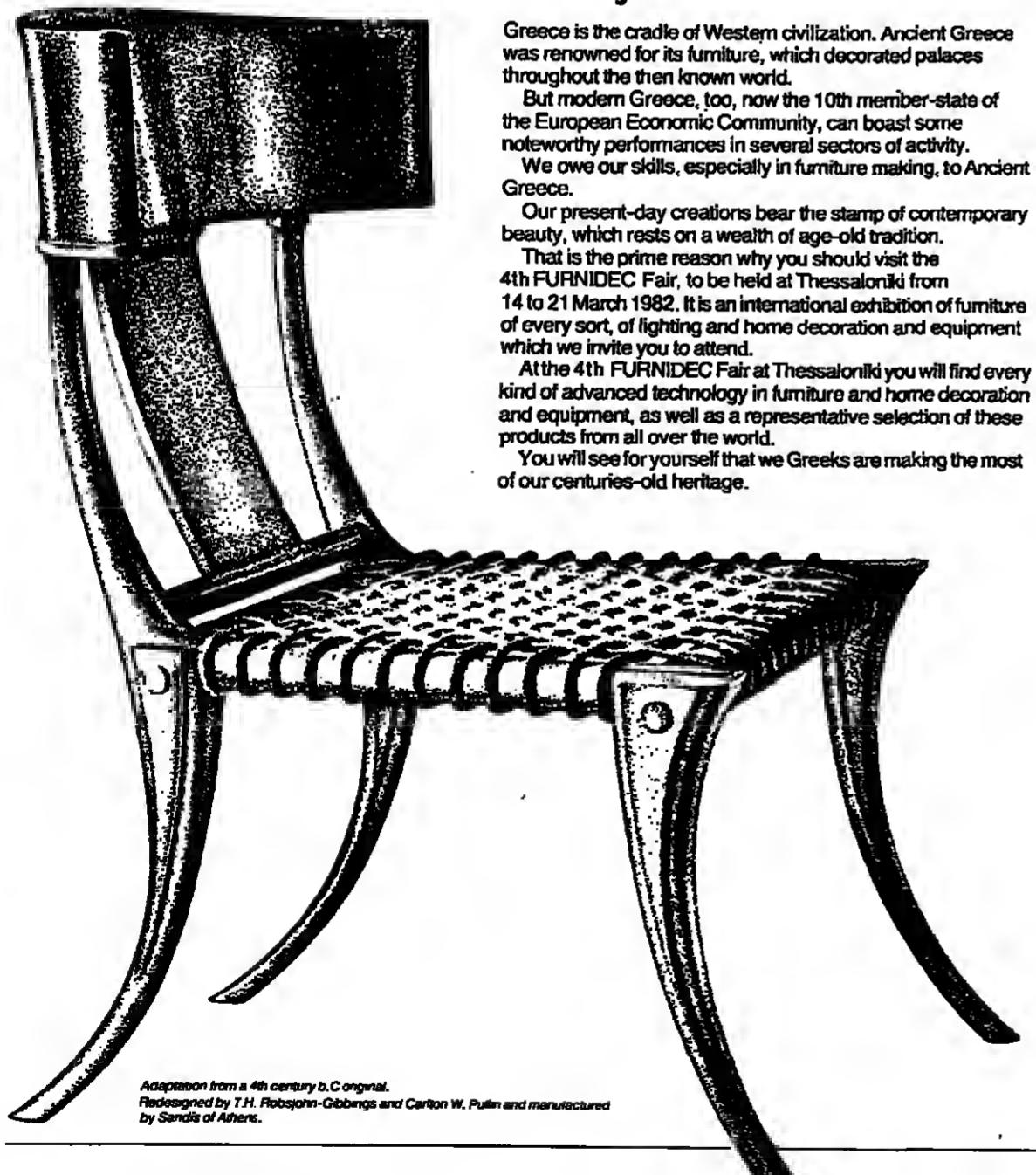
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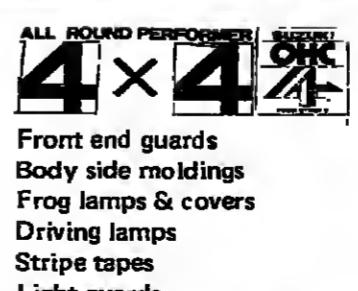
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To allay West's fears

## Poles set interest payment date

FRANKFURT, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Poland has informed Western banks it will be able to pay its interest for the final quarter of 1981 by mid-February, Dresden Bank said here Monday.

For the quarter in question, total interest to some 500 Western banks came to \$500 million. But arrears currently total around \$250 million. The Western banks have been holding out for full interest payment, before deferring payment of \$2.4 billion debt principal that fell due in the final nine months of last year. Total Polish debt to Western governments and banks is put at \$26.5 billion by the

Warsaw authorities.

In New York, meanwhile, Citibank chairman Walter Wriston said Sunday that Poland had paid his bank some of the interest due on the country's 1981 debt in the past few weeks.

Walter Wriston also predicted Poland would be able to meet interest payments due on its total debt of approximately \$26 billion. Speaking on CBS-TV's "Face the Nation," Wriston said the east European country, recently placed under martial law, had not paid all the interest it owed. He declined to say how much Poland owed the bank.

When asked if the country had given a timetable for further payments he said there's

as much confusion in the groups of financial institutions which is reflected in the press ... so and I don't believe there is any hard information until the transfers are made."

He said he "assumed" the Soviet Union was helping Poland pay off its debt interest, but said no one had hard facts to confirm that. And he defended continuing the loans, saying, "in my view, if someone were to call a default on that debt, you would illustrate very clearly to the Poles they have only one friend, Russia. And it doesn't seem to me to be too productive." He said he believed Poland would pay the interest owing but added there were very few instances in history of a government ever paying off debt.

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### EEC holds talks with Japan

TOKYO, Jan. 25 (AP) — Japan and the European Economic Community (EEC) Monday started four days of meetings that precede high-level consultations to start Friday on ways to reduce Europe's large trade deficit with Japan, officials said.

The talks, held bi-annually to review bilateral trade, are being held at a time when Japan's trade surplus with the 10-nation community is at a record high. Japanese figures put the advantage at \$10.3 billion, up 10.8 percent over 1980.

The Brussels-based EEC commission calculates the deficit nearer to \$15 billion. Officials here explain the discrepancy to differences in accounting.

Officials said the Europeans are seeking a Japanese response to a list of requests made in Tokyo Dec. 9 for a moderation of Japanese exports and an increase in their imports from Europe.

One source identified "three sensitive areas" where the European side is seeking relaxation in Japanese exports — automobiles, color television sets and tubes, and machine tools.

### European team arrives in Ankara

ANKARA, Jan. 25 (R) — A three-man delegation from the European parliament has arrived in Ankara for talks with Turkish officials.

The delegation of the political committee of the parliament, headed by West German Kai-Uwe Von Hassel, will discuss last month's suspension of European Economic Community (EEC) aid to Turkey's military government, officials said.

The funds were frozen after the much-criticized imprisonment of former Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit. The European Parliament last Friday demanded the suspension of EEC aid to Turkey "until respect for human and civil rights and democratic liberties is once again restored." It also voted to suspend its participation in the joint Common Market-Turkey parliamentary committee until a Turkish national assembly has

They also are seeking further cuts in Japanese tariffs and removal of non-tariff barriers on a wide range of products, from food produce and beverages to chemicals and pharmaceuticals, said the official, who did not want to be named.

"We also would like to do more banking and insurance business here," said the official, who noted that among EEC exports to Japan, sales of gold for non-monetary use in 1981 rose to a little over \$1 billion, up a staggering 328.4 percent over 1980, making gold the largest single Japanese import from the EEC.

The EEC side at the preliminary round of talks is headed by Raymond Phan Van Phi, directorate of external relations of the EEC in charge of Japan. The Japanese delegation is led by Masaki Seo, deputy director general of the foreign ministry's economic cooperation bureau.

High-level consultations starting Friday will be held between Deputy Foreign Minister Nohiro Matsunaga and Sir Roy Denman, a veteran trade negotiator who is the EEC's director general for external relations.

The action by SAS Copenhagen-based blue collar employees was a protest after two weeks of talks broke down last Friday over a pay dispute between the wage earning personnel and SAS management. A spokesman for the workers, Bjarne Larsen, said he had no idea how long the strike would last.

## SAS strike hits flights in Denmark

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25 (AP) — Striking Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) employees lifted a blockade Monday of all SAS flights from Copenhagen, but incoming flights were not likely to resume until Tuesday at the earliest, airline officials said.

An SAS press spokeswoman said non-striking ground personnel were readying about 20 airplanes grounded by the Monday morning action for delayed departures in the afternoon.

She said the 1,600 strikers announced only that they were lifting their blockade of SAS flights, but gave no indication when the strike might be over.

SAS officials said they had no idea when normal service out of Copenhagen could be resumed for SAS, a joint company of the national airlines of Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

The blockade started in the morning as airplane mechanics, technicians and freight handlers refused to service SAS departures at Kastrup Airport.

By early afternoon, SAS officials announced they were stopping all incoming SAS flights by rerouting them to other Scandinavian and north European airports. A SAS press spokeswoman said the action stranded or delayed thousands of SAS passengers in Copenhagen and other points although the airline was trying to find seats for their customers on other airlines which were not directly affected by the blockade. She said SAS on weekdays flies in and out of Kastrup Airport about 200 times.

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### Kuwait lends 3 states \$38m

KUWAIT, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development extended Monday three loans totaling \$38.5 million to help finance development projects in North Yemen, Jordan and Mozambique.

The first loan of \$14 million went to North Yemen for financing that country's industrial bank's operations, said the fund. The loan is to be repaid over 19 years, with a four-year period of grace, and carries a 3.5 percent annual interest rate.

The second, of \$21 million, will partially finance an electrification project in Jordan, to be repaid over 24 years with a four-year period of grace and a 3.5 percent annual interest rate. Mozambique got a \$3.5 million, 25-year loan with a three-year period of grace and carries annual interest rate of 2.5 percent, according to the fund.

### France nears accord on gas deal with Algeria

PARIS, Jan. 25 (R) — France was close to agreement with Algeria on a major gas contract Monday but criticism was mounting over a similar French deal with the Soviet Union.

Industry sources said the state firm Gaz de France (GDF) was on the verge of settling a two-year disagreement on a new gas price with Algeria's Sonatrach Company, clearing the way for it to double supplies to about nine billion cubic meters per year.

Taken together, the new Algerian contract and the accord signed Friday with the Soviet Union for supplies from a planned Siberian pipeline will ensure about 55 percent of France's gas needs in the second half of this decade.

While the Algerian deal is expected to go through without controversy, the contract with Moscow has provoked condemnation from both right and left-wing critics who see it conflicting with France's attitude to events in Poland. Jacques Chirac, re-elected this weekend as leader of the Neo-Gaullist Party and effectively leader of France's opposition, said the Socialists "no longer have the right to speak to the Poles about human rights and hope."

The 25-year contract, signed in the face of calls by the United States for reduced trade with the Soviet Union, was attacked as inopportune by the CFDT Trade Union Confederation, the government's main union ally. "Without any doubt, this operation weakens the impact of the policy of France and its European partners toward the Polish situation and the strategy of the Soviet Union," a senior CFDT official said.

The influential newspaper *Le Monde* said the agreement, under which France will receive an additional eight billion cubic meters of

gas per year from 1984, would confirm for the Polish people that "they have nothing left to hope for from the West except for a few charitable gestures."

The normally pro-Soviet daily, *Le Matin*, pointed out the gas negotiations were opened in July, 1980, under former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

It was only hypocritical to criticize the timing of the contract once the principle of trading with the Soviet Union had been accepted.

Giscard d'Estaing's own UDF grouping denounced the contract as a stain in the back for

### Financial roundup

## Dollar chalks up big gains

By J. H. Hammond

one year dollar rate is now quoted at 15% to 16 percent while in the short term, the one month is quoted at 14% to 14% percent.

In the European bourses, the German mark fell back to 2.3390 levels at one stage Monday, against 2.30 levels at weekend. The British pound also fell back to 1.8510 levels from 1.8650 earlier in the day. Similar gains were registered by the dollar against the French franc (5.9410), the Swiss franc (1.8680) and the Japanese yen (229.75). The yen in particular seems to be receding toward the 230 levels after it seemed that the Japanese currency would stay firm from the New Year levels of 216.00 that it reached then.

In the local markets, spot riyal/dollar rates were quoted at 3.4195-05 for most of the day, with surprisingly few deals being struck despite the dollar's rises on the European exchanges. Commercial demand for the dollar was reported as "moderate" and dealers were cautious not pushing up their bid rates for the dollar throughout the day. This mood of cautiousness also characterized the money markets, and despite some rises in short-term fund rates, riyal deposit levels remained unchanged. One-month JIBOR levels opened at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent, but went down by about 1/4 percent by close of the trading session. One-week fixed-fund rates were traded at 12 1/2-13 percent while the one-year rate opened at 13 1/4-14 1/4 percent.

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### Tehran offers Tokyo \$541m loan

BEIRUT, Jan. 25 (AP) — Iran has proposed loaning \$541 million to Japan to resume construction of the \$3 billion petrochemical project in southern Iran, Iran's official news agency reported Monday.

It quoted the undersecretary of the Iranian Oil Ministry Mostafa Taheri, as saying in an interview with the daily economic newspaper *Bours*, that the loan would be paid to continue building the last 15 percent of the plant in the port city of Bandar Khomeini, plus damages rendered to the complex by the Iran-Iraq war, now in its 16th month. The site has been fixed five times.

Taheri said that Oil Minister Muhammad Gharazi will hold talks with the Japanese Mitsui group and other shareholders soon in Tehran. It will be the third round of talks since the suspension of the construction shortly after the 1979 revolution in Iran. Japan, however, has not given its response to the loan offer. Taheri said adding that the Japanese partners lacked funds.

Taheri said the government of Iran decided to supervise all industrial projects, including the Iran-Japan complex and the Shiraz fertilizer

the independent Polish trade union Solidarnosc.

The administration of President Francois Mitterrand has been one of the most outspoken among the Western allies in its condemnation of martial law in Poland, and has said it held the Soviet Union responsible. Political sources said Mitterrand and his ministers decided that France needed the Soviet gas for economic reasons and resolved to go ahead with the contract, while stressing that it had no bearing on France's overall position toward the Kremlin.

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# Smid nips Sadri in final

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25 (AP) — Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia staged a strong comeback Sunday against American John Sadri to win the \$300,000 World Championship Tennis Tournament.

Down two sets to one, Smid won a four-set tie-breaker 7-6 and broke Sadri's serve twice in the fifth set to take the match 3-6, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2 and \$100,000 in prize money. Sadri picked up \$40,000.

Until the decisive set, Sadri hadn't lost a serve in three straight matches during the week-long tournament at Mexico City's Indoor Juan de la Barrera Arena.

"He didn't serve that well in the fifth set," Smid said. "He wasn't serving that hard and I was returning well. He was missing the first serve and I was returning the second serve and he got scared to keep missing. I returned much better than in the beginning of the match." Sadri commented: "I'd gone three hours and hadn't lost my serve and I was behind. It was frustrating."

In the doubles final, Sherwood Stewart and Ferdi Taygan of United States defeated a tired Smid and his Hungarian partner Balazs Taroczy 6-4, 7-5.

In the Davis Cup match, Paraguay, coming from behind, won the last two matches to beat Uruguay 3-2 in their American Zone.

Paraguayan No. 1 Victor Pecci, who surprisingly lost the opening singles to Jose-Luis Damiani, needed four sets to beat Diego Perez to level the match 2-2 then Francisco Gonzalez defeated Damiani in straight sets to clinch victory.

Paraguay now play Ecuador, winners over Brazil, in the southern section final. The winners play the winners of the northern section, either Canada or Colombia, for a place in next year's top-flight non-zonal competition.

Pecci started well against Perez, dropping only one game in the first set, he lost the next 5-7 and had to dig in to win the third 8-6. He took the last set 6-4. The turning point came Sunday when Pecci and Gonzalez won a tough five-set doubles match to pull back to 2-1.

Meanwhile, Colombia shutout the team of Bahamas and Jamaica 5-0 and will face Canada in the next round of the American zone competition.

Sunday's matches were a formality since Colombia clinched its victory Saturday, when it took an insurmountable 3-0 lead. In Sunday's matches, Jose Alejandro Cortes of Colombia defeated Adrian Clarke 6-1, 6-4, in the fourth match of the series.

In the final match, seventeen-year-old Luis Arturo Gonzalez of Colombia, who played at No. 1 in place of Jairo Velasco, defeated Leo Rolle of Caribbean Islands in a grueling three-hour match, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4.

## With four-stroke lead Watkins sitting pretty

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 25 (AP) — American Lanny Watkins spiced an 8-under-par 63 with a hole-in-one and surged into a four-stroke lead Sunday in the third round of the rain-delayed, \$300,000 Phoenix Open Golf Tournament.

Watkins' effort, composed in warm sunshine and matching the best on the pro tour this season, gave him a 198 total — 15 shots under par on the 6,726-yard Phoenix Country Club course — going into Monday's final round.

The tournament's schedule was thrown a full day behind when a rainstorm interrupted Thursday's play. Morris Hatalsky, who scored the first victory of his six-year tour career last season, birdied the final hole for a 68 that put him at 202. John Cook was next at 203 after a 70.

Larry Nelson, the current PGA champion and the leader through the first two rounds, could do no better than match par 71 and topped the group of five at 204, 9-under par but six shots back of the leader going into the final round. Also at that figure were former Phoenix champion Jerry Pate, Scott Simpson, Jay Haas and Mike Reid. Simpson also had a 63 on the flat little course. Pate shot 64, Haas and Reid 66.



Lanny Watkins .... drops body

Tom Kite, last year's leading money-winner, had a 68 and was at 206. British Open champ Bill Rogers was well back at 213 after a 73. David Graham, the defending titleholder here and the current U.S. Open champ, was 76-211.

## FISA, Formula One drivers moving on collision course

KYALAMI, Johannesburg, Jan. 25 (AP) —

The dispute over the new "super licenses" which is threatening to blow the World Drivers' Championship wide open, drags on to Paris this week following Saturday's opening South African Grand Prix.

The executive committee of the International Automobile Federation (FISA) is due to meet with drivers in the French capital, but a solution to the split before the next Grand Prix in Argentina on March 7 looks in some doubt.

On the one side, the drivers, all but two of whom have been suspended, seem determined to push for change in the super license, with the drivers' association leader Frenchman Didier Pironi threatening to go to law. An outspoken FISA president Jean-Marie Balestre is adamant that the Grand Prix racing authorities must be respected.

On his way back to Paris, Balestre underlined his conviction that the drivers were in the wrong. Looking back over the events leading up to the South African Grand Prix, Balestre said that in the first place FISA had wanted to save the race after the race organizers had

announced they were delaying it one week.

Then, on the initiative of Renault team boss Gerard Larrousse, the warring factions in the dispute agreed to a truce to allow the Grand Prix to take place. Balestre said that Pironi, who was representing the drivers, had agreed with FISA. The FISA president said it was quite normal for the drivers to be suspended after the race for breaking the rules.

"Contrary to what is being said, FISA is not out to wreck the Formula One World Drivers' Championship. On Thursday the executive committee will try to come up with a solution," he said. But Balestre made it clear that sanctions could also be taken and that if every offer of compromise was turned down, the situation would become "insoluble."

"If that is the case, I will be tempted to tell the drivers, 'go on then, make up your own rules and run your own championship,'" he added. With the sides so drawn, the most likely arbiter is the chief of the Constructors' Association Bernie Ecclestone, who only recently patched up his long dispute with FISA and who may have the confidence of both sides.

Application of its handicap, based on size, gave the *Morbihan* a corrected time of 52'56.17, best recorded so far by the 13 yachts that have completed the third leg of the 26,000-mile race that began last Aug. 29 in Portsmouth, England. Nine vessels still are at sea.

Organizers said the British yacht *Bubble-gum* is likely to be disqualified. The yacht was reported to have damaged its rudder in the Pacific and to put into an unauthorized port. The yachts were permitted to make only three stops on their way around the world, at Cape Town, South Africa, Auckland, and Mar Del Plata. The fleet is scheduled to depart on Feb. 27 for the fourth and final leg of the race, back to Portsmouth.

The first boat to reach Mar Del Plata was the 23-meter Dutch sloop *Flyer*, commanded by Conny Van Rietshof. *Flyer* required only 577 hours, 22 minutes and 20 seconds to make the voyage, but its corrected time of 570:38.19 was good for only eighth place so far.

## BRIEFS

BOSTON, Massachusetts (AP) — Billy Ray Bates scored 16 of his season-high 26 points in the fourth quarter Sunday to lead Portland to a 123-119 victory over the Boston Celtics that snapped the trail Blazer's National Basketball Association losing streak at three games.

WELLINGTON, (AP) — Australia made it six wins from six outings in the Women's World Cup Cricket competition by easily defeating the international XI here Monday. The international side has yet to score a victory in seven matches, and the Australians made light work of their task, knocking up 266 runs for five wickets in their 60 overs.

THUNDER BAY, Canada (AP) — Canadian Horst Bulau completed a rare double on the World Cup Ski jumping circuit when he turned in a 120.5-meter ride with his second jump to win the 90-meter event Sunday. That jump, combined with his first leap of 113.5 meters, gave the 19-year-old jumper 256.1 points and a sweep of the Molson World Cup competition over the weekend. He also won the 70-meter event Saturday.

KARACHI (AP) — Seven foreign soccer teams — Iran, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Burma — have confirmed their participation in Pakistan's International Football Tournament scheduled in Karachi from Feb. 12, tournament committee sources said Saturday.

WENGEN, Switzerland (AP) — Barring an unbelievable upset, American Phil Mahre was assured of winning his second straight overall World Championship Skiing title Monday as the World Cup started a three-week break.

KIEL, West Germany, (AP) — One of Czechoslovakia's top table tennis players, 20-year-old Anton Steffko, has left his team and wants to stay in the west, informed police sources and local Table Tennis Federation officials revealed here Monday. Steffko, a bronze medal winner in the 1979 Rome European junior championships, was a member of the Czechoslovak team which competed at the West German Table Tennis Championships over the weekend here.

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## Pedroza gains verdict for 14th time

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Jan. 25 (AP) — Eusebio Pedroza of Panama overcame one-point penalties in two rounds and scored a unanimous decision Sunday over challenger Juan Laporte of New York, retaining his World Boxing Association featherweight crown.

It was his 14th successful defense of the title, a record. The 25-year-old champion, with a 3-inch (7.6 cm) reach and height advantage, repeatedly pressured the 5-foot 5-inch (165 cm) Laporte to the ropes, where he pummeled the 22-year-old challenger with brutal combinations to the ribs and right hooks to the kidneys.

Laporte, who weighed 124 pounds (55.7 kg), came out strong in the early rounds, but was often impatient and threw wild punches. In the third round, Pedroza was reprimanded by referee Guy Justas for stinging Laporte with a right hook to the face after the bell sounded. Pedroza was not penalized.

Justas took a point away from Pedroza in the eighth round after warning him four times not to throw low blows and took another

point away in the 14th round for using his elbows. Judge Fernando Viso of Venezuela scored the fight 144 points for Pedroza, 141 Laporte. Ove Ovesen of Denmark had it 144-142 and Marco Antonio Rodriguez of Mexico scored it 145-143.

Pedroza, in the 15-round fight at the Sands Hotel, surpassed Philadelphia Abe Arieli's record of 13 successful featherweight title defenses. The 125-pound (56.7 kg) champion was paid \$65,000 plus an anticipated \$150,000 expected from Latin American television revenues, while Laporte earned \$40,000.

Pedroza never changed his stern expression, even when Puerto Rican-born Laporte came out over his left eye in the eighth round. The champion, whose record stands at 33-3, responded to Laporte's attacks by keeping him at a distance with a few arms length left jabs followed by a full-strength right punch to the ribs until the challenger was on the ropes. There, Laporte, 19-3, could do little but cover his face and absorb the punishment.

After the fight, Laporte complained bite-

ry that he never fought a dirtier fighter. "I'm not saying the low blows beat me because I don't think he won the fight. I spent too much time against the ropes because of the punches against my back." But Pedroza, who has been undefeated since July 1976, retorted, "I keep to the rules. If you are a professional, you don't cry."

Laporte, who dropped a decision to World Boxing Council featherweight champion Salvador Sanchez 13 months ago, earned his second title fight via a second-round knockout over Rocky Lockridge last August. That victory catapulted Laporte to the No. 2 WBC ranking and No. 1 WBC position.

Juan Laporte is a great boxer," Pedroza said through an interpreter. "I think in the future he is going to become a champion. He is strong and the most important thing is he is brave." Pedroza, who took the crown from Cecilio Lastra Dec. 5, is undefeated in 19 consecutive fights. His brother, Rafael Pedroza, last month won the WBA junior bantamweight title from Gustavo Balas of Argentina.

Spurs drawn to meet Aston Villa at home

brink of bankruptcy earlier this month by a major cash injection from publisher Robert Maxwell. "But if the lads play as well as they did against Brighton, they are capable of getting a result."

Coventry manager Dave Sexton, aware that only five other First Division teams are still in this year's competition, commented: "It's a good round to be at home, but we have a healthy respect for Oxford."

Watford, with two First Division scalps under its belt, could find it tougher against fellow Second Division Cup-fighters Leicester City, particularly as the game is away from Watford's tight Vicarage Road Stadium where it has eliminated both Manchester United and West Ham.

The draw: Tottenham Hotspur vs Aston Villa; Shrewsbury Town vs Ipswich; Blackpool or P. Rangers vs Grimsby Town; Coventry City vs Oxford United; Leicester City vs Watford; Chelsea or Wrexham vs Liverpool; West Bromwich Albion vs Norwich City; Crystal Palace vs Huddersfield Town or Orient.

## Hungarians chalk out impressive win over Canberra

CANBERRA, Australia, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Hungarian soccer team scored a 4-1 win over Canberra all-stars at the rain-sodden Bruce Stadium here Monday night in the first game of their Australia-New Zealand tour.

The Hungarians, without their multimillion dollar captain Tibor Nyilasi, struggled in the slippery conditions early in the first half but at no time were they in any real danger.

The Hungarians now go to Sydney for the Sydney St. George Club's 25th anniversary tournament starting on Wednesday night, involving St. George, Sydney Olympians, and Vojvodina, the Yugoslav First Division team.

In Mexico City the Czechoslovakian national selection tied 1-1 with the Mexican First Division team America, in a friendly game which is part of the Czech training pro-

warm-up games since players with foreign clubs would probably not be able to play because of commitments with their teams.

It is useless to have warm-ups unless I can get the full team together," Miljanic said. Yugoslavia was drawn into World Cup Group Five with host country Spain, Northern Ireland and Honduras.

In Tokyo, star striker Diego Maradona booted in a beautiful long-shot in the 39th minute to lead to his team, Boca Juniors of Argentina, to a 1-0 victory in the final of a three-match series against an all-Japan side at the National Stadium.

The 20-year-old midfielder, considered by some as successor to now-retired world football king Pele of Brazil, scored three goals in the three games. The visitors won two matches and drew one during their Japan tour.

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**As Montana strikes top form**

# 49ers snatch maiden Super Bowl crown



PONTIAC, Michigan, Jan. 25 (AP) — Joe Montana, displaying the guile and flare of a riverboat gambler, engineered two long touchdown drives after San Francisco's youthful secondary swiped the ball from the Cincinnati Bengals, and the 49ers rolled to a 26-21 victory Sunday in Super Bowl XVI.

Montana, executing coach Bill Walsh's innovative offense with electrifying ease, and a spate of turnovers which kept Cincinnati off the scoreboard, helped the 49ers roll to a record 20-point halftime lead.

The Bengals roared to life behind quarterback Anderson in the second half scoring on his 5-yard run and two passes to tight end Dan Ross. But the difference was a goalline stand of epic proportions in the — third period by the San Francisco defense the third time Cincinnati had been denied so much as a point within 10 yards of the 49ers' end zone.

Ultimately, it was that defense that carried the 49ers to one of the most remarkable turnarounds in National Football League history. The team, which just two years ago had staggered through its second consecutive 2-14 season, reached the pinnacle this time — its first Super Bowl Championship.

Montana, in only his third year in the NFL, outplayed Anderson, his veteran counterpart on the Bengals, in the first half. He scored the 49ers' first touchdown on a 1-yard dive, then passed 10 yards to fullback Earl Cooper for a second score.

Each was set up by a Cincinnati turnover deep in San Francisco territory. Free safety Dwight Hicks, the only veteran in the 49ers' secondary, intercepted an Anderson pass at

## John Nunn regains top berth in chess

WIJN-AAN-ZEE, Netherlands, Jan. 25 (AP) — Britain's John Nunn regained his position as soleleader in the standings of the 44th annual Hoogovens Chess Tournament after drawing his eighth-round game against Lubomir Kavalek of the United States Sunday.

The draw, Kavalek's eighth in the tournament, came after barely two hours of play at the end of a series of 15 moves from the Gioco Piano. Holland's John Van Der Wiel, who shared the top spot with Nunn at the outset of Sunday's action, fell back to second place after losing his game against Brazilian champion Jaime Sutty-Neto.

The Brazilian played white in a subtle line from the English Opening and slowly worked his way to a superior position. Van Der Wiel tried to complicate the game, but Sutty-Neto maintained the advantage and clinched victory at his 38th.

Sharing second place with Van Der Wiel were Yuri Balashov of the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia's Vlastimil Hort. Balashov played black in a French defense to overcome New Zealand's Murray Chandler in 44 moves, while Hort had to settle for a draw with White after 29 moves from a Ruy Lopez against Yugoslavia's Pedrag Nikolic.

Holland's Hans Rec won his adjourned game from the previous round against former world champion Khalid Tali of the Soviet Union, but had to accept a draw against U.S. grandmaster Larry Christiansen in eighth-round action.

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a 17-0 lead in route to their 24-7 victory over Minnesota in Super Bowl VIII.

Bengals burst throughout at the start of the third period with quarterback Ken Anderson making five-yard scoring run after Cincinnati had moved the ball 53 yards in nine plays. They controlled the play for the third period, being stopped on the one-yard line in the final two minutes when Pete Johnson three times tried to score from just one yard out.

They, however, scored in the fourth minute of the final period when Anderson found tight end Dan Ross with a four-yard touchdown pass to cut the 49ers' lead to 20-14 with 20:06 to play, and San Francisco's situation was suddenly very precarious. The 49ers offense, which had turned sluggish and conservative, woke up again behind Montana's 22-yard pass to Mike Wilson and Ricky Patton's key runs to set up Wersching's third field goal, a 40-yard boomer with 5:25 to play.

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## Khalid slams unbeaten 205 for PCC

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Jan. 25 — Batsmen ruled the roost as four centuries emphasized the domination in the UNENCO Marketing-Slazenger's League conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

The batsman to steal the glory from the others was Khalid Nabi. The one-drop Petroleum Cricket Club (PCC) batsman seemed to continue from where he had left off the previous week. He slammed a splendid double century at Dhahran, following his 134 against Saudia (EP), to lead his side to an insurmountable total of 343 for three wickets against UPM I in the allotted 30 overs.

Though UPM I failed in its bid to surpass PCC's target, it, however, salvaged a measure of pride with its openers Barry Walker and John Charman retaliating fittingly. The efforts of the two batsmen also fetched UPM with two batting bonus points with Walker compiling a century in Khalid's shadow.

Khalid Nabi was really in his element. With PCC opting to take first strike, Khalid got the opportunity of having a go at the hapless UPM bowlers as early as the second over. He began sedately and posted his first hundred in 22 overs with a perfect blend of defense and aggression. But once crossing the three-figure mark, Khalid tore the UPM bowling apart with a superb display of power.

He raced to his second 100 in just ten overs and his unbeaten knock of 205 contained eight sixers and 26 boundaries. It was not

the 5-yard line and ran it out of danger to the 32. In 11 plays, one of them a flea flicker pass good for 14 yards, Montana put the 49ers on the scoreboard with 5:52 remaining in the opening period.

And 2 1/2 minutes into the second quarter, after Anderson had drilled a pass to Kris Collinson at the 49ers 8-yard line, Ric Wright stripped the ball from the Cincinnati wide receiver and fellow rookie cornerback Thomas passed on the fumble. Twelve plays later, Montana's flare pass to Cooper, climaxed the 92-yard scoring drive, the longest in Super Bowl history. It surpassed by 3 yards one by Dallas in Super Bowl XIII.

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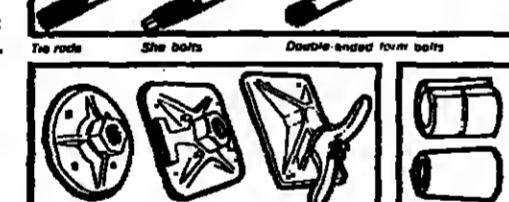
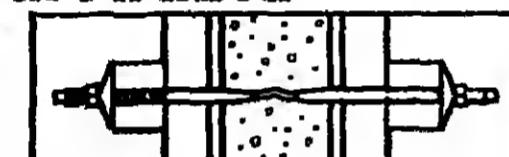
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## Gromyko rules out discussions on Poland crackdown

GENEVA, Jan. 25 (Agencies) — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko Monday ruled out a detailed discussion on the Polish crisis in talks with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig. "I have no intention whatever of discussing questions relating to Poland or the domestic situation in Poland," he said on arriving for a meeting with Haig Tuesday.

The United States has said it wants the session devoted mainly to the Polish crisis and diplomats said Gromyko's refusal to enter into a detailed discussion suggested the meeting would be both frigid and stalemate.

"I am certainly prepared to discuss questions concerning relations between the USA and the Soviet Union," Gromyko said in a brief statement at Geneva airport. There was no immediate comment from U.S. officials accompanying Haig, who was spending the day preparing for the long-planned meeting with the Soviet minister.

Haig said on arrival in Geneva Sunday night that he intended to tell Gromyko of the Western world's "outrage" over "increasing repression" by Poland's military rulers, and that the United States held Moscow responsible. But diplomats said it was still unclear whether Gromyko would refuse point-blank to talk about the East-West aspects of the Polish crisis following six weeks of martial law.

Gromyko said he was ready to discuss "many other international problems" in his planned four-hour meeting with Haig, the first high-level U.S.-Soviet encounter since Polish military law was clamped down on Dec. 13. He made no predictions on how the talks would develop.

Earlier senior U.S. officials said they expected no serious outcome, and other NATO diplomats expressed fears that the meeting could sharpen existing U.S.-Soviet tension over Poland.

"What the outcome of these discussions will be — that is something I cannot say anything about yet. We shall wait and see," Gromyko declared.

The U.S. State Department last week said it was shifting the focus of the talks from arms control to Poland, and scaling the meeting down from a planned two days to one day.

Gromyko said there was no prearranged agenda for the meeting, originally set when the two ministers met for the first time at the United Nations in New York last September. Some diplomats said Gromyko's statement could even preface a Soviet walkout Tuesday if Haig insisted on using the talks for an attack on the Soviet Union.

But many officials said they doubted the Soviet Union would take the initiative in breaking off a dialogue with the United States restarted only few months ago, after deep initial strains between Moscow and the Reagan administration.

U.S. officials have already said that Haig

### In attitude toward Poles

## Bonn urged to take firm line

BONN, Jan. 25 (AFP) — A confidential foreign ministry report has warned that West Germany's moderate line on the Polish crisis is threatening a deep rift between Bonn and its Western allies, according to extracts published Monday in the weekly newsmagazine *Der Spiegel*.

The report advised the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt to anchor itself more firmly in the Western alliance and to replace its policy of detente with the East European Socialist nations "combining a willingness for detente and the demands of security." A foreign ministry spokesman indirectly confirmed the existence of the report by saying it was the ministry's duty "to study all alternatives" to present policy. But he said it would be up to Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher to make the final recommendation to the government.

The extracts published by *Der Spiegel* said

## Europe Council to debate Turkey

STRASBOURG, Eastern France, Jan. 25 (AFP) — A debate on whether or not to expel Turkey from the 21-nation Council of Europe is top of the working schedule its parliamentary assembly tackles here Monday at its 33rd session.

The assembly will give two days to this crucial debate, which is down for Wednesday.

### Bank robbery foiled

NAPLES, Jan. 25 (AFP) — Three attempted bank robbers were shot dead by a security guard at a bank near here Monday, a police source reported.

The source said that the three men and an unspecified number of accomplices attempted to hold up the bank, at Cavaiano, outside this southern city, just before it closed for the afternoon. The robbers threatened the security guard but he was quicker on the draw and mowed down three before they could make their escape.

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## Arms talks must go on, says Palme

BONN, Jan. 25 (R) — Former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme, now chairman of an international commission on disarmament, said Sunday increased international tension made dialogue on arms control even more essential.

"Our whole history shows that in times of international crisis, dialogue must continue and efforts to achieve peace and arms control must go on," he told a news conference following a three-day meeting of the commission which was set up in 1980 and including politicians from 18 countries. Palme said the coming year could be decisive in either halting the arms race or allowing it to get out of control. There was a chance of a breakthrough at the U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on the limitations of medium-range missiles.

The commission is planning to present its report on disarmament to a special session of the United Nations General Assembly in June. Asked about prospects for a nuclear-free zone in Europe, Palme said his commission had discussed the possibility but had not yet reached any conclusions.

The Hamburg branch of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's Social Democratic Party called Saturday for the creation of just such a nuclear-free zone, a decision which Defense Minister Hans Apel criticized Sunday. In an interview in *Bild newspaper*, he said the creation of a nuclear-free zone in Europe would lead to a further increase in the Warsaw Pact's already-strong superiority in conventional weapons.

He also criticized calls for a moratorium on installing new missiles in Europe while the U.S.-Soviet talks are continuing. Such a moratorium was unattainable and contradicted NATO policy, he said.

The commission called for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Cambodia and Afghanistan for an end to the Iran-Iraq war, and "severely" condemned Israel for its attacks on Lebanon and the annexation of Syrian Golan Heights. Bilaterally, the statement said, the two presidents had reviewed the possibility of stepped up industrial and trade cooperation.

## Dozier has long beard, photo shows

ROME, Jan. 25 (AP) — A Rome newspaper Monday retrieved a Red Brigades communiqué on the kidnapping of U.S. Army Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, police reported.

Police said the communiqué contained a photo of the 50-year-old general wearing a long beard. It was the fifth Red Brigades statement since members of the urban guerrilla gang abducted Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. military official at the NATO

base in the northern city of Verona, from his apartment Dec. 17.

An editor at Rome's *Il Giornale D'Italia*

said a reporter for the newspaper found the communiqué in a waste basket after an anonymous caller told where to look. The same newspaper retrieved the fourth communiqué in a similar manner Jan. 16.

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Temperatures dipped well below zero Fahrenheit (18 Centigrade) from North Dakota through the upper Mississippi Valley. It was 21 below (-29C) in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, 16 below (-26C) in Bismarck, North Dakota, 14 below (-25C) at Duluth, Minnesota, and 10 below (-23C) in Minneapolis.

Elsewhere, a new Pacific storm brought

## Storms lash northwestern U.S.

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At least 16 persons have been killed in snowstorms that began moving out of the Rockies late last week. Three-fourths of the United States was whitened by snow and sub-zero (under minus 18 Centigrade) temperatures chilled an area from the Upper Missouri River Valley to the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Western Great Lakes.

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## Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

On my last trip to Jeddah, I saw that he was doing extremely well — a young man who had come to us from a village in the south. He had asked for a job, but since he had no training of any sort, and wasn't exactly on the ball when it came to town, all we could offer him was the position of assistant to Hajj Ahmad, the building's janitor.

I asked him what he was doing now and he said proudly that he was a computer programmer. He took me around and I saw him at work, handling the sophisticated equipment with confidence, and generally behaving as the true son of his age, the postindustrial age. (In my case, I seem to have missed the industrial age somehow and the gap to the computer age is now too wide to cross.)

Seeing him in his new position made me think of him as he came to join us. I reminded him of the story of the "refreshments machine" and he laughed aloud. He has come a long way since then. What happened was that Hajj Ahmad, the building's janitor, had a huge central fuse box in his room, serving the building as a whole. The box had an enormous switch attached to it, through which you could stop and start the electricity supply.

Hajj Ahmad's room was also used by him for social gatherings. He and his friends would sit sipping tea or cold drinks, so that the central fuse box was always surrounded by crates of lemonade bottles and such like. And it was this which caused the misunderstanding when the young man came to work with the Hajj. For he looked at the crates and then at the machine and made what he thought was the obvious deduction.

So one day as I was sitting in my office, I noticed the lights going on and off — and kept doing so for a long time. Someone was clearly tampering with the electricity supply. I went down to the ground floor and into Hajj Ahmad's room.

And there was that young man angrily yanking the switch on and off, addressing the machine in very strong language. I asked him what the matter was and he said it was plain daylight robbery. He had inserted some money in the box in order to get a lemonade and then yanked the switch but nothing came. He put more money and tried again, and again and again, and that's why he has now lost his temper and was about to smash the thieving machine to bits...

Translated from *Asharq Al Awsat*

## Ludwig turns Jari project to consortium

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 25 (AP) — The Amazon dream of American billionaire Daniel K. Ludwig came to an end Monday, as a consortium of Brazilian banks, insurance companies and industrial conglomerates took over his vast but ill-fated jungle agribusiness empire.

A document filed Monday morning with the Rio De Janeiro State Corporate Registry legally transferred title of Ludwig's Jari Project 1.6 million-hectare forestry, cellulose, ceramic clay, farming and ranching complex in northern Brazil — to a group of 23 Brazilian corporations. Ludwig, 85 who lives in New York and is said to be one of the world's richest individuals, was a victim of the deceptive lure of the Amazon as a place for making a huge personal fortune.